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"Takes WWF Warzone into the ring and teaches it how to REALLY wrestle."

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"Wrestling fans NEVER had it so good."



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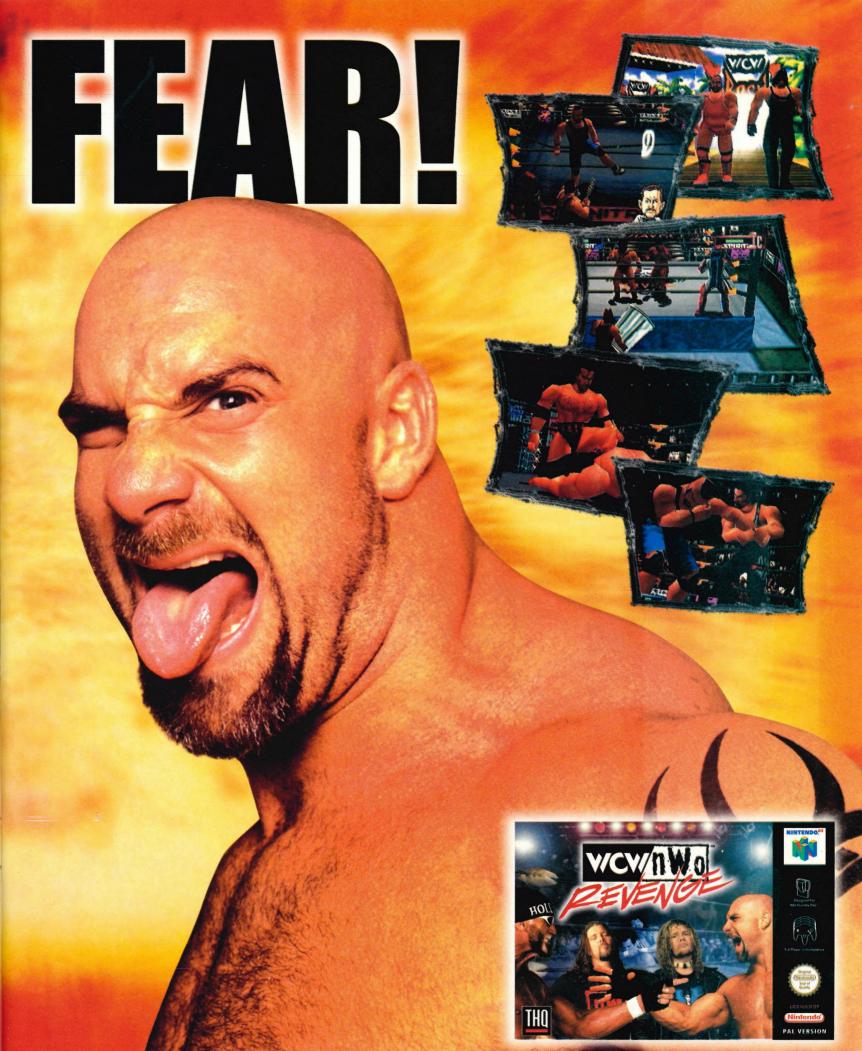




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ESSENTIAL READING FOR THE



The muscular hero with attitude returns to the N64 with his hog-murdering skills primed and ready to roll. Find out what his latest escapade is all about.



64-MATIONS

Anyone up for a bit of slap and tickle? Rayman certainly is in his all-new adventure winging its way to you on the N64 next year. Expect big things from this all-3D adventure.



In the last issue of Total 64, we brought you Part On of our essential guide to. This month we have the second and equally vital edition. Your training is now complete.



Micro motor mayhem drives its way into TOTAL 64. We suffered... Oh did we suffer! Pant-wetting laughter is brought to the home in manic, miniaturised fashion.





Everything you ever wanted to know about the forthcoming release. The boy Jon plays around with the Occarina of Time and the legend is gradually unveiled.





REVIEWS

approaches, what better way is there to spend a snowy afternoon than slaying a couple of ugly, nasty prehistoric beasts? The leather clad hero swings in with his latest adventure.



Racing games have featured heavily in recent issues this month we have the dirt-burning superstar. There are no indicators required apart from our valuable opinions.





Infogrames proudly hand us their intergalactic adventure, Starshot. The mischievous juggler with the power of the stars wanders in for a custard pie contest.



The violent, alien extravaganza is ready and waiting for the TOTAL 64 examination. Adam Drake may be able to save the world, but can he save his game from the T64 scrutiny?



The Ubi Soft racer with the outrageous vehicles drives into the TOTAL 64 showroom for a good waxing. Will it have a shiny sheen or a dull overcoat?

We get our sick bags out and head into the highvelocity future of Wipeout 64. It looks faster than ever, but will it fly to the top of our racers chart?





Chips, chips, how many chips? This isn't about the greasy, fried potato variant, but the game is as slick as a pond of Olivio. Find out just how original it is.

The rough and ready sport of ice hockey receives the EA Sports treatment, and is aspiring to be the market leader. Will it freeze on the rink, or smoulder with exitement?



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Everything comes to he who waits, or so they say. This month it is true on at least two counts. Firstly, I have now been made Editor of this splendid mag. But secondly (and more importantly) we have finally got a finished version of Turok 2 in the office. We could have reviewed the preview copy that we received last month. We could have claimed that we didn't want to spoil the game for you by showing the boss characters (because the preview cartridges didn't have the boss characters on them) or indeed not bother to inform you as to the nature of the multi-player game (because the multi-player mode didn't work on the preview carts) - but we didn't. If we'd done that we'd be letting you lot out there down: but then again we don't claim to only review finished games, do we? That's probably one to bear in mind for the future. The point is, you have a choice - read reviews of unfinished games in other mags or read our reviews of finished games in TOTAL 64 it's that simple, and of course it's your choice. Enjoy this mag, it's got reviews of at least three of this year's best games in it plus everything you could ever want to know about Zelda - what more could you possibly want?



MISSING LINK?

espite reports in virtually every Nintendo mag in the land, we are still unaware of the exact release date of Zelda: Ocarina of time. Rumour had suggested that it would be hitting our shores around the 27th November.

However, this date looks somewhat doubtful at present and it is feared that Nintendo's game of the year might not even get released in '98! Whatever happens, with the vast number of top titles hitting our shores in the run up to Christmas it may well be that Nintendo now feel that rather than swamping the market, Zelda might best be saved for the New Year thus taking advantage of the many new N64 owners who have taken advantage of the rather tasty new Goldeneye and Mario bundles.

Get 'em While they're hot!

ust a word of warning to all you lot out there who are desperately keen to get their hands on Turok 2. Acclaim are so confident that it will sell by the bucket-load (check out this month's review to see why) that they expect that they won't have enough carts to satisfy demand when it goes on sale in December. For those of you who remember how

limited stocks of Goldeneye were earlier this year can expect much the same with Turok 2. We at

Total 64 suggest that you pre-order your carts as soon as you can to avoid disappointment. T64

MONEY'S TOO TIGHT TO MENTION

Rather alarming news has emerged from the land of the rising sun. Your favourite console's software sales are accounting for as little as 0.8% of the market share in Japan. Given that the somewhat ageing Saturn sells even more software than the N64 things are looking very bad indeed. Sales of Zelda, when released, should bump up

should bump up sales somewhat.

However, Nintendo will have

their work cut out for them if

they want to catch up with the PlayStation's software sales figures which account for 70% of all software sales - blimey!





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PACKED RIGHT UP!



bit special and will no doubt have Sony filling their underwear at the prospect of lots of little people out there buying an N64. Already many people out there have taken advantage of this little bundle and it is reported that sales of N64s have already doubled! It is also worth

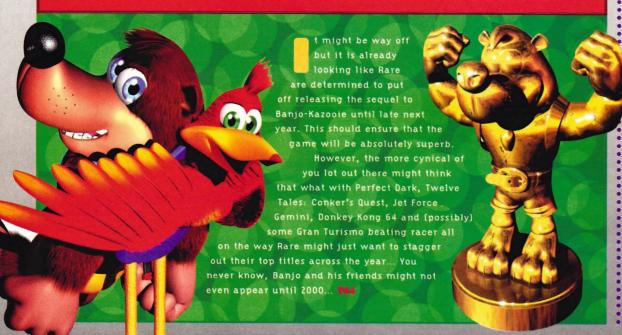
noting that some retailers are offering other games in place of the standard bundle, so if you don't fancy a bit of Mario or Bond action (are you mad?) then you might find an N64 coupled with Banjo-Kazooje for the same price - nice! T64

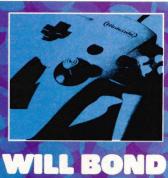
princely sum of £99.99 you can acquire an N64, a

controller (plus all those other important gubbins) and a choice of either Goldeneye or Super Mario 64. This is a

t might have escaped your notice but there are some rather tasty N64 bundles available in the shops right at this very moment. For the

Bird and Bear celebrate until next Christmas?





RETURN?

GM interactive are thought to be considering porting its PlayStation Bond Title to the N64. Given that Rare's Bondianbased biggy has managed to sell consistently well, it may prove to be a shrewd move on MGM's part. However, our chums at Total PlayStation reckon that 'Tomorrow Never Dies' is set to be something of a lame effort on the big grey thang! (Change this Fuqua and you will be strung up by your nerds, George) (you nerds couldn't get that much string -George) However, we



UK RELEASE DATES

DAL

December 1998

V-Rally 64 (Ocean) NBA Jam '99 Fifa 99 (EA)

Legend of Zelda: Ocarina of Time (Nintendo)

Star Wars: Rogue Squadron (Lucas Arts)

Turok 2 (Acclaim)

1st quarter of 1999

F1 Racing Simulation (Ubi Soft) Looney Tunes: Space Race Rayman 2(Ubi Soft) O.D.T(Psygnosis) Twisted Edge Snowboarding Top Gear Overdrive 4x4 Mud Monsters(Take 2/GOD) South Park Duke Nukem: Zero Hour(GT

2nd quarter of 1999

Michael Owen's World League Soccer *99 Twelve Tales: Conker 64(Rare)

Wild Metal Country(Gremlin) Castlevania 64(Konami)

Jest[Ocean]

Interactive)

Superman(Titus)

Harrier 2000(Video system)

Shadowgate 64: Trials of the 4

towers[Kemco]

Carmageddon 64(Interplay) All-Star Tennis *99(Ubi Soft) Charlie Blast's Territory(Kemco)

3rd quarter of 1999

Ronaldo Soccer(Infogrames) Acclaim Sport Soccer(Acclaim) Jet force Gemini Tasmania Express

ith tennis games being a little thin on the ground, it is somewhat refreshing to see that Ubi Soft are about to redress this imbalance by



releasing All Star Tennis '99 on the N64 next year. Boasting a wealth of tennis courts from around the world and including many of the major tennis stars such as Richard Krajicek, Michael Chang and the current Wimbledon champion Jana Novotna All Star Tennis should be a bit of a smash with fans and non-fans of the sport. 764





(TRAN)SYLVANIAN FAMILIES!







onami are busy putting the finishing touches to their long awaited 64-bit platform adventure, which boldly only has the name "Castlevania", signalling a new beginning to the series, although it is actually the

It appears that two of the characters - the chainsaw-wielding Kola and the Werewolf, Cornell, have been dropped to allow the game to be improved for the two remaining characters, Schneider Belmont and Carrie Easterfield. The game will consist of a completely different adventure depending on which character you choose to use, and Konami have promised that you will get turned into a vampire, and that you will go toe to toe with Death himself, as well as of course. Count Dracula.

The game is now much improved on what we saw at E3, and with its revolutionary real-time lighting and enemy Al, detailed graphics and creepy horror theme, this should be one of the top titles of 1999. To4

64 BITS 64 BITS

WWF makes a return.

After the success of Warzone, Iguana are working on a follow-up before they lose the license to WCW Revenge developers THQ. The game will include more features, twice as many grapplers and more realistic motion captured graphics. Named WWF: Attitude, it will be something very special indeed!

Armageddon out of here..

Rumours around the industry suggest that Acclaim have abandoned a little-known project called Magic: The Gathering: Armageddon. It may well be that the project will be resumed at the later date, but it is more likely that the game was dropped due to Acclaim's incredibly strong 1999 line-up maybe Armageddon just couldn't compete!

There is another...

In a major coup for N64 owners, Nintendo have beaten Sony to the rights to release a game based around the upcoming Star Wars prequel, Phantom Menace, and unbelievably the game is set to be released before the summer of '99, to coincide with the release of the new film!

The game will, of course, be developed by LucasArts, and should support the 4-meg expansion pak!



And you can't trust the weather; with erratic conditions and punishing night-time stages. V-Rally '99. On Nintendo 64.

You can't beat it.







"It is a game that Nintendo owners have been crying out for." Total Control
"A fantastic racing game that you should add to your collection." Total 64 – 90%
"The action in V-Rally is a pure adrenalin rush." N64 Pro – 90%





V-RALLY



Starshot(Ocean) Deth Karz(GT Interactive)

4th quarter of 1999

Nuclear Strike(THQ) Homen Quest(THQ) F-18 Super Hornet(Titus) 10808 Snowboarding II(Nintendo) Perfect Dark(Rare)

TEA

Hercules: The Legendary Journeys (Titus) Quest for Camelot 64(Titus) Duck Dodgers in the 3rd 1/2 Dementia(Infogrames) 64 Wars[Hudson Soft] Mystical Ninja staring Geomon II Lego Racers(Lego Media Donkey Kong Country 64(Nintendo) Legend of the River King(Natsume) Spooky Banjo-Tooie (Rare) Earthbound 64(Mother 3) Descent 64(Interplay) Dragon Storm First Samurai 64 Ghouls and ghosts(Capcom) Golden Nugget(EA) Kirby 64(Nintendo) Megaman 64(Capcom) Mission: Impossible II(Ocean) Mario Artist: Picture maker(Nintendo) Mario Artist: Polygon maker(Nintendo) Rakuga Kids(Konami) Smurfs 64(Infogrames)

US RELEASES

Super Mario 2(Nintendo)

Super Mario RPG 2(Nintendo)

December 1998

Nightmare Creatures (Activision/Kalisto Entertainment) S.C.A.R.S. (Ubi Soft/Vivid Image) Star Wars: Rogue Squadron (Nintendo/LucasArts/Factor 5) FIFA 99 (EA Sports/EA Canada) Charlie Blast's Territory (Kemco/Microware/Realtime Bust-A-Move 3 (Acclaim/Taito/Probe) South Park (Acclaim/Iguana Texas) Chameleon Twist 2 (Sunsoft/Japan System Supply) Starshot (Ocean/Infogrames)

BARBARIC OR WHAT?

GAUNTLET LEGEND

lder readers will no doubt have spent much of their hard-begged for pocket-money playing the original Gauntlet in the arcades over ten years ago. Now Atari have seen fit to update this classic game onto the N64.

Gone now is the classic top-down view of Warrior, Valkyrie, Wizard and the Elf (as a matter of fact, gone now is Elf, having been replaced by the Archer). Atari have opted to bring Gauntlet bang up to date by opting for (you'll never guess) luscious 3D environments instead. However, as the



graphics are looking somewhat detailed and not a little gorgeous, who are we to complain?

Gauntlet Legends, when released next year, should combine all the magical slaying action that you could ever want with a pretty funky four player mode (just like the original did).

Although very early on in development, we are hoping that Gauntlet Legends lives up to its pedigree by providing the ultimate in all-out multi-player action; more on this gem in the coming months of... 764

MARTINI CINZANO BIANCO

VIRTUAL POOL 64

or those of you who are sick of waiting in your local pub, youth club (or whatever strange places you feel like inhabiting) just to get the opportunity to play a little pool, Interplay are about to bring forth the solution to problem. Virtual Pool 64 (original title or what?) will bring to life the heady excesses of one of the world's most dangerous



sports (jus' kiddin'!). Joking aside, Virtual Pool 64 will cater for all your pool needs as it includes as many different versions of



the much played game as can be fitted onto a cartridge-shaped cartridge. Whether or not it will include a smug git who will only get off the table if you play him (and beat him) is another matter. All will be revealed when we preview this little bunny next month... can't wait... slug balancing, anyone? T64

MAN IN TIGHTS!

SUPERMAN: THE ANIMATED SERIES



ere are some more

screenshots from Titus' Superman: The animated series, which is released this month in America. The game features Final Fight style beat-'em-up sections, flying sections and a four player deathmatch over Metropolis. Since not all of the characters can fly, this could be very

The one player game sees you battling Lex Luthor and all of the other enemies from the animated series over sixteen levels, using of course all of the magical powers at Superman's command. Look for a preview in the next issue of Total 64!





PERIPHERAL VISION

GUILLEMOT

We may as well rename this section Peripheral Drubbing... at least as far as third-party joypads are concerned! Since official Nintendo joypads have come down in price to a bargain £19.99, it is not even

worth looking at third-party pads any more as even the best ones only offer a poor impersonation!

Guillemot's Trilogy Pack offers you a joypad, rumble pak and memory pak for the princely sum of £19.99.

Undeniably this is a bargain, as you'd pay at least double that to buy all official stuff, and while the rumble and memory paks are fine, the problems start with the most important part.

The analogue stick is appalling quite honestly, and you will have serious trouble keeping your thumb on it. The D-pad is similarly bad, with 3608 movement that defeats the object of a Dpad in the first place! The pad is also

> uncomfortable to hold, and while the buttons are fine I would rather eat a full wasp's nest than use this pad again... a poor effort indeed, although a rather good value one.

> > 3/10

DON'T EVEN GOEMON THERE!

onami are beavering away right now on Goemon's second 64-bit adventure, which returns to its 2D sideways-scrolling platforming roots, Featuring a two-player co-operative mode as well as the subgames and role-playing aspects we have come to expect, Goemon should be something to watch out for in1999 if you are a fan of super-deformed ninjas with strange hair! T64







January 1999

Caesar's Palace (Crave/Lobotomy) BattleTanx (3DO/Cyclone Studios) Roadsters '99 (Titus) Fighting Force 64 (Eidos/Core)

Magical Tetris Challenge (Capcom) WCW Nitro (THQ/Inland Productions)

February 1999

Shadowgate 64: Trials of the Four Towers (Kemco/Infinite Ventures) Quake II (Activision/Raster Productions AirBoardin' USA (ASCII/Human) California Speed (Midway/Atari

Games) NHL Hockey Sim *99 (Midway/Atari

Games) O.D.T. (Psygnosis/Psygnosis

Francel Penny Racers (THQ/Takara) Rat Attack (Mindscape/Pure Entertainment)

Tonic Trouble (Ubi Soft)

March 1999

4x4 Mud Monsters (Take 2/GOD/Edge of Reality/Terminal

All-Star Tennis '99 (Ubi Soft/Smart

GEX 3: Deep Cover Gecko (Eidos/Crystal Dynamics) Micro Machines V3 (Midway/Codemasters) Monaco Grand Prix Racing Simulation 2 (Ubi Soft) Vigilante 8 (Activision/Luxoflux) WinBack (Koei/Omega Force)

Quarter 1 1999

Castlevania 64 (Konami/KCEK) Duke Nukem: Zero Hour (GT

64 BITS 64 BITS

Snow Joke.

Snowboarding fans rejoice! We can now confirm that work is already well underway on a seguel to Snowbo Kids. Yup, it's called Snowbo Kids 2, but if it delivers the all-new weapons and much-improved multiplayer mode promised, Snowbo Kids 2 might just become a bit of a classic game. Bearing in mind that the original wasn't half bad, we can't wait to hit the piste with the Kids!

Fancy a Flutter?

For those of you out there who like to gamble but don't like losing that hard earned cash, EA are about to make your dreams come true by releasing Golden Nugget 64! This strange offering will give you the opportunity to play Craps, Black Jack, Roulette and even have a go on the slot machines all from the comfort of your own home!

Eurocom work's with Disney.

Mortal Kombat 4 and Duke Nukem: Zero Hour developers Eurocom are apparently working on a Disney game of some description, most probably a 3D bouncy-cutie game, as well as a title known only as Forty Winks. What with Capcom also working with Disney and Looney Toons games coming from Infogrames, we're all gonna have loads of fun!

Interactive/Eurocom) Earthworm Jim 3-D (Interplay/VIS Interactive)

GT World Tour (Midway/Boss Game Studios

Harrier 2000 (Video System/Paradigm)

Looney Tunes: Space Race

(Ocean/Infogrames)

NBA Pro '99 (Konami)

NHL Pro '99 (Konami)

Survivor: Day One (Konami)

Twelve Tales: Conker 64 (Rare)

V-Rally '98 Championship Edition

(Ocean/Infogrames/Eden Studios) Wild Metal Country (???/DMA)

April 1999

All-Star Baseball 2000 (AcclaimSports/Iguana Texas) Michael Owen's World League Soccer '99 (Eidos) Rayman 2 (Ubi Soft) Snowboard Kids II (Atlus/Racdym)

May 1999

Hype: The Time Quest (Ubi Soft/Ubi Soft Canada) LEGO Racers (LEGO Media/High Voltage Software) Shadow Man (Acclaim/Iguana U.K.)

Quarter 2 1999

Carmageddon 64 (Interplay/SCi/Stainless) Gauntlet Legends (Midway/Atari Jungle Bots (Titus/Conceptual Realities) Legend of the River King 64 (Natsume) Mystical Ninja: Goemon 2 (Konami) Pokémon Stadium (Nintendo) Rugrats (THQ/n-Space) SD Flying Dragon (Natsume/Culture Brain)

Tasmanian Express (Ocean/Zed

Two)Dragon Storm (MGM

CHART ATTACK



Excitement Direct are purveyors of all things Nintendo - games, peripherals, you name it, they've got it.

You can check out their advert on page 63.

1. F1 WORLD GRAND PRIX . . (PARADIGM / NINTENDO)

2. 1080' SNOWBOARDING (NINTENDO)

3. MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE (INFOGRAMES / OCEAN)

4. BANJO-KAZOOIE (RARE / NINTENDO)

5. ISS '98 (KONAMI)

6. GOLDENEYE 007 (RARE / NINTENDO)

7. MORTAL KOMBAT 4 (EUROCOM / MIDWAY)

8. WWF: WARZONE (IGUANA / ACCLAIM)

9. NBA COURTSIDE(LEFTFIELD / NINTENDO)

10. FIGHTERS DESTINY (OCEAN / INFOGRAMES)

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ride range of N64 games and peripherals. Bon't forget that they also rent out ames to prevent you from shelling out hard arned cash on lame games...

1. F1 WORLD GRAND PRIX ... (PARADIGM / NINTENDO)

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6. TUROK 2(IGUANA / ACCLAIM)

7. BANJO-KAZOOIE(RARE / NINTENDO)

9. SUPER MARIO 64(NINTENDO)

10. WCW VS. NWO WORLD TOUR(ASMIK / THQ)

e are the Total 64 team's Top Ten N64 games at the moment. As you can see, Goldeneye has been toppled by the mighty Turok 2! Viva la dinosaur hunter!

1. TUROK 2(IGUANA / ACCLAIM)

2. BODY HARVEST(DMA DESIGN / GREMLIN)

3. GOLDENEYE 007(RARE / NINTENDO)

4. WIPEOUT 64(PSYGNOSIS / MIDWAY)

5. ISS '98(KONAMI)

6. WCW vs. NWO REVENGE (ASMIK / THQ)

7. S.C.A.R.S. (VIVID IMAGE / UBISOFT)

8. F1 WORLD GRAND PRIX (PARADIGM / VIDEO SYSTEMS)

9. 1080° SNOWBOARDING(NINTENDO)

10. BANJO-KAZOOIE(RARE / NINTENDO

Most **%** wanted!

Perfect Bark still tops the list of the games we most want to play, in fact this chart seems to be exclusively Rare's domain, with Acclaim also making quite an impact!

1. PERFECT DARK(RARE / NINTENDO)

2. LEGEND OF ZELDA: THE OCARINA OF TIME (NINTENDO)

3. JET FORCE GEMINI(RARE / NINTENDO)

4. SHADOWMAN(IGUANA / ACCLAIM)

5. BANJO-TOOIE(RARE / NINTENDO)

6. SOUTH PARK 64(IGUANA / ACCLAIM)

7. CASTLEVANIA 64(KONAMI)

8. WINBACK (...... KOEI)

9. BLOODSHOT(IGUANA / ACCLAIM)

10. CONKER 64(RARE / NINTENDO)

64 BITS 64 BITS

Mario and Donkey Kong do duet on N64!

Hudson have announced that they are working on a game entitled Mario Party. Rather than being just one game (Mario 64 2 anybody?) it will include over 50 mini-games rather like one of those travel compendiums. There is no news as to whether the game will grace our shores, but you can bet if it sells well in Japan Nintendo will probably consider it.

Sony running scared!

N64 sales have hit an all-time high since the price reduction to £39.99! Sony, who have suffered disappointing sales of the £44.99 Tekken 3 have announced price cuts for their games in retaliation. This price war should mean that N64 titles will be dropped even lower over the coming months as Nintendo are ardent that they will not be outdone at this stage in the christmas console war!

Any more for any more...

Japanese software developers Kemco have big things in store for N64 owners in '99. Whilst we are already salivating over the prospect of getting our hands on Top Gear Overdrive and Knife Edge due out later this year, Kemco have confirmed that they will be releasing at least five new games in '99. Sounds very promising to us...



THE GREAT ESCAPE

After the success of the first game, Ubi Soft have seen fit to impress us all to bits with the forthcoming Rayman 2. With heavenly 3D looks, this might just be the unexpected hit of next year.

With the first Rayman game reaching Platinum status on the PlayStation, Rayman

has already proved his success to the world of gamers. The original title offered little new as it was but a 2D platformer. More than this, it was also rock-hard and was slightly irritating as a result. However, thanks to a whole new game engine (and a few tweaks in the gameplay department, we hope!), the developers have brought the sequel kicking and screaming into the world of 3D.

The world first witnessed the splendour of this game at both the E3 and ECTS shows earlier this year. During its time there, it attracted a whole bagful of attention. Crowds were lining up to play it by the troop load, all making similar observations, like: "Is that Rayman 2?" and "Look at those gorgeous graphics!".

Rayman 2 offers gamers 40 long hours of intuitive and humorous gameplay, all running at a silky smooth 30 fps, with over 75 minutes of cartridge-streamed music for your

THE LOWDOWN

PUBLISHER: Ubi Soft Entertainment

DEVELOPER: Seeart Dog

EXPECTED RELEASE DATE: TEC

FORMAT: Cartridge

listening pleasure.

So that's the technical run-down, what about the storyline? Well, Rayman is on a bit of a rescue mission; robot pirates have imprisoned Rayman and his friends in an intergalactic zoo. He must free his friends and collect all the ingredients for a miraculous soup that will open the door to great powers.

During your battles, you must face

such oddities as two-footed missiles, zombie chickens, piranhas and huge end-of-level bosses - all this in a day's work!

In the original game, Rayman had a magic fist. In the latest version, this element has been taken two steps further. He can now use it as a torch, or to grapple objects, flip levers, and best of all, tap enemies on the back and then pop them head over heels. The basic moves that are at his disposal include running, climbing, swimming, swinging from vines, sliding on ice and using his hair to fly like a helicopter.

We shall all be awaiting this title with eager eyes in the months to come. You can be sure that when we know more, you will. 764

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Rayman feels the full force of the blast as an enemy hurls an explosive weapon in his direction. That's gotta hurt!



A few years on and Rayman has yet to grow any arms or legs. Super gloves, though!



this strange new world.



And flys. And swims. And he's set to become the biggest star since Super Mario. He's Starshot, the ace star juggler. And the only one who can save Space Circus from the rival Virtua Circus. To succeed, he must collect new circus acts and rides before the evil Virtua Circus. Seven unbelievable planets to explore. Over 300 weird extraterrestrial characters to meet. All in glorious 3D graphics. This has to be the best game in the universe.













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Nothing on earth will prepare you

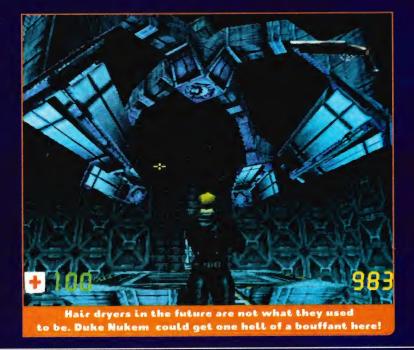
At last, the Dook himself is back, with a new pair of shades and a new pork-alien invasion to dispose of. Don't worry though kids, this is just another day at the office for Mr. Nukem!

You could say that Duke START Nukem is the Lara Croft that happened before Lara Croft, a realistic-type character (as opposed to a blue hedgehog) who has appeared in a number of games on at least three platforms, becoming something of a phenomenon outside the strict barriers imposed by the four corners of a television screen.

It was Duke's third game that made the difference. Ditching the sidewaysscrolling shooting fare of his previous two adventures, Duke appeared on the PC in Duke Nukem 3D, a first person shoot-'em-up which had many similarities to Doom, but with the addition of the over-the-top character, and comic sounds and visuals, plus an indescribable "X-factor" which took Duke to being a worldwide success.

This game was translated onto the N64 platform where it also made a big splash, despite several cuts from the somewhat politically incorrect PC version. Duke Nukem: A Time To Kill revised the format again, bringing Duke into a third-person perspective not unlike Tomb Raider.

Duke Nukem: Zero Hour takes the viewpoint of the PlayStation version and improves on everything tenfold.



THE LOWDOWN

PUBLISHER GT Interactive

DEVELOPER: Eurocom

EXPECTED RELEASE DATE: March '99

FORMAT: Cartridge



This brings us slap-bang up to date with Eurocom's tentatively titled Duke Nukem: Zero Hour, which takes the new viewpoint of the PlayStation version but otherwise improves on everything else about the game tenfold.

DUKE VS LARA

Make no mistake, Zero Hour is in fact a completely original game, rather than a rehash of the disappointing PlayStation game. The viewpoint may be from a Tomb Raider style camera, but this is where the similarity ends, as developers Eurocom have tried to steer as far away from the exploits of Ms Croft as possible. The game is not based around crawling, climbing and swinging your way across numerous tricky platforms, but shooting, running, and more shooting. Think Tomb Raider crossed with Turok 2 crossed with the intangible and unique qualities that only Duke brings to the table and you have a

fair idea of what the game is all about.

The trip from Exeter to Eurocom's swanky offices in Derby was a rather long one that started at 5:30 in the morning, but it all became worth it once the game started running - in hi-res with the 4MB expansion pak, no less! The first level is set in a city, where you start the game in a multistory car park. Once you get outside into the streets you really get an idea of how big the levels are. Looking up into the sky will reveal the highly detailed and crystal clear skyscrapers towering above you with not even a hint of the terrible fog monster in sight, and the game is still several months away from completion! Roaming the streets are a selection of nasty alien types, hell-bent on making a rather pretty trophy out of Duke's head. Of course, Duke, being the Bruce Willis-inspired type that he is, is kitted out with a very





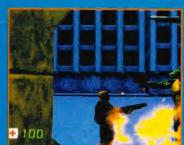


Not known for his silver-fingered abilities. Duke can give the ivories a serious tinkling if the situation arises!

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BACK TO THE FUTURE!

You get to control Duke Nukems from several different time zones during the game, and here we can see a selection of four of those temporally mobile Dukes.



You start as Modern Day Duke, who is simply the boy Nukem as we have come to love him - suited, booted and ready to hold, thrill, kiss or kill, and lay the smack down!



Victorian Duke still wears his shades, despite the fact that they are not invented yet! You know the saying.. When in Rome, Duke does what the hell he likes!



Cowboy Duke is the big hero of the wildest and westernmost parts of the Wild West, complete with tengallon hat and a pair of six-shooters. Circle the wagons!



This scene looks like it must be the interior of some strange alien ship. Unfortunately, it seems Dook wants to redecorate with blood red paint and a blood red carpet!



TOTAL SAS

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mean selection of weaponry to give him some help, although he would be just as comfortable laying the smack down with his hobnailed boots!

One cool addition is the Turok 2 style sniper rifle. Eurocom were not sure about whether this would be a suitably Duke-ish weapon to include in the game, but the favourable reaction from journalists should guarantee that it will make the finished version. The plasma rifle was another top choice, providing a massive wave of energy that causes enemies to freeze and turn blue, with their skeletons visible through their skin, before they slowly peel away layer by layer! Yes, after seeing what they were able to get away with in Mortal Kombat 4, Eurocom have decided to go the whole hog (no pun intended) with Zero Hour. Enemies are now completely hit sensitive, allowing you to inflict damage on different parts of their anatomy. What this means is that you can blow your enemies' heads clean off, or whatever takes your fancy!

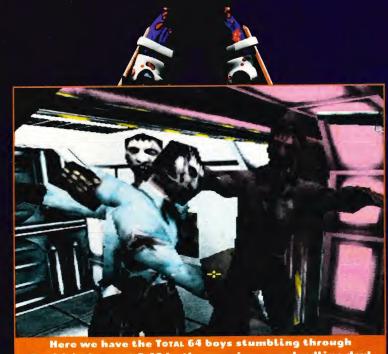
This is especially relevant to the zombies on later levels, as they sure until every single body part has been completely vaporised!

TIME TO KILL!

This time around, the aliens have been clever, and decided to invade Earth at key moments through time. Luckily for us however, Duke has got his large hands on a time machine allowing him to visit these periods, dressed in the appropriate garb of course! Therefore, all along the way

you will have to get used to Post-Apocalyptic Duke, Western Duke, Victorian Duke, Medieval Duke and others. Of course, these levels are highly detailed and very atmospheric representations of the Wild West and Victorian London, where the enemies and the weapons are also suited to the surroundings - so in the cowboy level, for example, Dook is armed with a neat pair of six-shooters with which to kill the sheriff pigs. Yeeehaw! What fun!







The soundtrack manages to get some big kudos points for going for some hard-rockin' music that is completely different to what is seen as being in fashion at the moment. Heavy guitar riffs featuring the likes of flangers and wah-wah pedals provide a pumped-up, meaty score which fits the pumped-up action of the game perfectly.

Of course, no Duke game would be complete without a large selection of soundbytes, and luckily for us all, Eurocom have been given the nod from Nintendo to expand the cart to 256 MB, meaning that there will eventually be loads of cool phrases blasting out of your speakers at certain points in the game. Those already included in the game include "Don't try this at home, kids. I'm a professional!", and the old classic "Hail to the King, baby".

This sense of humour is also carried over into the graphics of the game, which contain references to South Park (you can achieve your dreams), V, The Simpsons (mmm... erotic cakes) and indeed anything which is at all cool. Movie posters dotted around the city are also superb, from "Duke Nukem stars in



Bolok: Alien Hunter" to "Duke Nukem is The Golden Guy". Whether the Nintendo censors at Club Mario will order that these be removed is yet to be seen, but in doing so they would be destroying some of the game's essence because of what is, after all, simply a little bit of light-hearted fun.

The game also comes with the now mandatory four player deathmatch mode, which runs incredibly smoothly with the screen divided up into four quarters, and it also runs in a first-person perspective, bringing back nostalgia for the Duke of old.

Overall, Duke Nukem: Zero Hour is shaping up nicely to be one of the top titles on the N64 next year. The boy Nukem has indeed returned in fine style, so look for a possible big-up feature next month, with a review to follow as soon as the cart is finished! T64









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The Dukes of Hazzard!

Duke Nukem has starred in at least four other games prior to his second N64 appearance. Here we can see what the Dook's previous 3D adventures looked like.





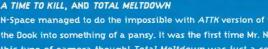
DUKE NUKEM 64

This game was a conversion from Duke Nukem 3D, which took the PC smash Doom and gave it character, providing part of the basis upon which many of today's first-person shooters like Sin and Half-Life have been built on.





N-Space managed to do the impossible with ATTK version of the game, turning the Dook into something of a pansy. It was the first time Mr. Nukem experienced this type of camera though! Total Meltdown was just a sequel to 3D.







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1-4 Player/Simultaneous



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Codemasters may not be bringing Colin McRae Rally to the N64, but they are bringing something a whole lot better. Micro Machines, one of the best multiplayer games of all time, has the kind of playability which puts Tetris to shame!

You've all played a version of Micro Machines before. No, you at the back, don't be silly, of course you have! Incarnations of the game have appeared on every format over the last few years, and their popularity has been astounding. Good for us it is then that Codemasters are bringing the best version of the game yet to the Nintendo 64.

Micro Machines is a racing game that, unlike others, is suited to Nintendo 64 hardware. Screen update is not relevant and there is absolutely

> no need for a smooth framerate,

can have a game that can run as fast as the developers want it to, with no fogging, no pop-up or graphical glitching of any other kind.

For those of you who really are new to the experience, Micro Machines is a racing game that is viewed from a top-down perspective. You must try and stay on the

track, and if

you stray from it too much, take a fall off of a ledge, or if the screen just leaves you behind, then you are eliminated. When there is only one car left, this car is awarded a point and the race continues. Whoever gets the most points wins. Simple isn't it! Of course, you control one of a variety of machines that are

very small, hence "micro" and therefore the tracks have a feel of "Honey I Shrunk The Kids" about them, from racing around garden ponds to kitchen tables.

The graphics at first look similar to the PlayStation version, but it's

immediate from the offset that they have been considerably improved especially the special effects such as explosions - and the whole thing is a far smoother looking experience.

The feeling of smallness is also conveyed well, bringing to mind Buck Bumble. Rulers between tables act as bridges, while lumps of Swiss cheese are ramps. Everyday objects are suddenly huge obstacles that block your path, a discarded eigarette can cause your car to blow up, while a droplet of milk on the table can cause serious skidding, of more

than one kind.

One of the great things about Micro Machines is the sheer number of options, and cars/tracks that you can choose to race, lengthening the game's lifespan considerably. It does get extremely tough before long on the single player game, ensuring value for money.

meaning that we at last

THE LOWDOWN

PUBLISHER: Codemasters DEVELOPER: Codemasters

EXPECTED RELEASE DATE: November

FORMAT: Cartridge



This car could not help but feel a strange attraction just before its untimely and explosive demise!









The world's smallest comet is about to burn a rather large hole through the tablecloth. Why, God why!?!





The version of Micro Machines that we have been playing was very nearly complete, and already thoroughly fantastic. We can't wait to get our hands on a finished cart, and when we do next month, we'll have a full review for you. So turn on, tune in and cop out to the next Total 64. 164

should be frustrating, but it isn't because you don't really care who wins - with Micro Machines, it is the playing that counts. The game really comes into its own in four player mode, providing a night of entertainment for a group of mates that is just about unrivalled. It may not even be unwise to say that it is probably going to make the best multiplayer game on the N64. Better than Turok 2, Goldeneye and WCW vs NWO Revenge? Quite possibly!

WHERE IS THE PLAYABILITY?

Now on to that important old cherry, playability. Micro Machines games have always been some of the most playable games anywhere, and this version is the best yet! Has

any game ever made you laugh so much that you've cried? This is the effect that an hour's play had on the boys Badass and Shadow! This is not only because it is so much damn fun, but also down to its sheer insanity. The game often

makes decisions that are completely unreasonable, awarding a point to some nutter that has just blazed right off the track in a ball of fire, or causing your cars to speed up suddenly, sending them flying off the edge of the table. This

Everyday objects are suddenly huge obstacles, a discarded cigarette can cause your car to blow up, while a droplet of milk on the table can cause serious skidding...

Honey, I shrunk the tracks!



This is one of the beach levels, where you get to drive through giant sandcastles!



The spooker table levels are some of the best, providing fun bang



The school science labs are a dangerous place, with chemical spills everywhere!



The breakfast table provides much milk-related action for teeny tanks!

WWW.

In a realm beyond sight, the sky shines gold, not blue. There the Triforce's might makes mortal dreams come true.

- The Book of Mudora

I wanted to create a world where your dreams could take place. A place that would sometimes make you a bit frightened, but Also a place where there would be great joy.

- Shigeru Miyamoto

he Legend Of Zelda is more than a set of games. It is a phenomenon that has provided the games industry with some of its best ever titles over the last ten years. Little would one Shigeru Miyamoto realise when he first dreamt of a heroic elf called Link that his creation would one day become a household name, a record-breaking star who even got his own TV series.

Nintendo and THE's dithering means that a month before their most important game ever is released, European gamers still have no news on a confirmed official release date, although we have been promised that it will be out by Christmas. This may even mean that the game is out before this mag! Of course, we have got ourselves a copy of The Ocarina Of Time

from foreign shores, but before we review it next month we want to play it properly and see how the conversion to PAL has gone so that we don't con you with a dodgy review.

This month, in anticipation to the great event, we present not "Yet another Zelda preview!" like the other mags on the market, but a guide to everything you could ever want to know about The Legend Of Zelda. Or at least everything that we can fit onto six pages!





"Legend" that the unlucky princess' bekidnapping The Legend Of Zelda on the N64 is not the first title Link has appeared in, justifying the title of shenanigans has attracted



groundbreaking for its time, and the game

was viewed from



it was a disappointment after the first Princess Zelda.

many argue is a



the kidnapping and rescue of the Princess Zelda. It is a title that this writer still goes back to today. monsters and a fab storyline, which centred around



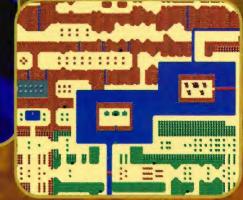


Hyrule...The Golden Land

Three Gods did descend from a distant nebula, and created the world on which there is the land known as Hyrule. When they departed, they left behind a magical artifact called the Triforce.

- The scrolls of Hylia.





Use the (Tri)Force, Link!



The Triforce is made up of the three great skills of the Gods; Courage, Power and Wisdom. These virtues would be bestowed upon whoever used the Triforce. Unfortunately however, it is inanimate and cannot distinguish between good and bad owners. The three pieces together formed a golden triangle, which was so powerful that the Gods hid it in a Golden Land, hoping that only someone who would

and turned the Golden Land into the Dark Land. Luckily a young elf called Link returned the Triforce to Hyrule where the Royal family used

Unfortunately a thief called Ganondorf found it,

The Triforce must be well guarded as it would be disastrous to fall into the wrong hands ...

Beware, peoples of Hyrule!







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Characters of the TriForce!

ike the Triforce is made of three elements, the stories that make up The Legend of Zelda also focus on three main characters: the evil wizard Ganon, Princess Zelda, and the young elf Link. The storylines for the games do not really seem to link in together, so whether the characters have remained the same or whether they have all been the descendants of the originals is not really clear...



ZELDA: WISDOM.

The beautiful elven Princess Zelda helps to rule wisely over the peoples of Hyrule. Unfortunately, her position in the Royal Family, her influence and her vulnerability means that she is prone to being kidnapped and held to ransom, not unlike one Princess Toadstool in fact!



corrupted by power, who wants possession of the Triforce so that he can rule the universe with an iron fist. Although he is actually a human, he can appear in many forms, often favouring a demonic wild boar look, or like myself, a shadow! Absolutely mad and virtually unstoppable...

LINK: COURAGE.

Link is a courageous and skilled young elf who has been destined since the dawn of Hyrule to be the chosen one. The hero of The Legend Of Zelda games, he is the only person who stands a chance of saving Hyrule from Ganon. This is where you step in, fellow gamers..



Hyrule Bestiary

The land of Hyrule is full of monsters that evolved underground before lurching out and settling in the world above, causing many a headache for the peace-loving people above. Here are some of those that Link will have to dispatch on his travels.



STALFOS.

Skeleton warriors that have plagued Link's many travels, Stalfos have appeared in all of the Zelda games, and are now somewhat developed from their original forms.



ARMOS KNIGHTS.

These armoured stone psychopaths caused Link some major headaches in Zelda 1, then reappeared - much angrier - in Zelda 3.



OTHER SPECIES ...

Link has had many other weird and wonderful enemies to contend with during his adventures, from the Octoroc and the Peahat to Bit and Bot and the Blue Thunderbird. Enemies you will meet in Zelda 64 include the man-eating plant and an ugly troll known as a Gohma.







FEATURE ZELDA

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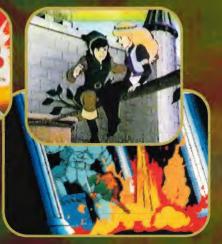


Link hits the Small Screen?



Some of you may remember that The Legend Of Zelda even had its own cartoon series which aired on early morning Saturday television. I thought it was quite good when I was a nipper, but it hasn't been on for some time. Here are some shots from the series to alleviate your curiosity, as well as a picture of an old collector's item role-playing book.







The music of Hyrule:

Music has played an integral part in past Zelda games. For example, in Zelda 3, Link obtained a flute from the ghost of a boy, which was then used to summon a bird which was used as Link's transport. This time around however, music plays a bigger role than ever before, as Link must learn how to use the mysterious Ocarina, which has power over the fourth dimension - that which we call time!

To give you a taster, here is how you play Zelda's Lullaby, one of the first songs you will be required to learn.

Left C, Up C, Right C, Left C, Up C, Right C.



Færies have always played an integral part in Link's adventures, always willing to top up his energy bar. This time around, Link has a færie companion called Navi, who warns him of danger and gives him help in times of need!









Control Freak

This particular feature is normally reserved for reviews, but we know that you are absolutely itching to know how the control features work! So here is the complete rundown of exactly how Link's many different available actions will work when you are playing the game...



START:

The start button brings up the menu, allowing you to save (at any time) or go to one of four option screens: Select Item, Quest Status, Equipment and Map.

'B' BUTTON:

Unsheathe and use your sword. Use in conjunction with the analogue stick to pull of a variety of different attacks. Hold this button down and let go to do a powerful spin attack.

TOP C:

If you are locked onto an enemy, you get can get information about it from Navi. You can also use it to get a top-down view or a firstperson perspective depending on where you are at the time.



'L' SHOULDER BUTTON:

With this, you can switch on or off a transparent map in the corner of the screen.

'Z' BUTTON:

The Z button locks you onto an enemy so that you will constantly face him. This is a feature that has been well documented in the past, and we can safely say that it works as well as we could have hoped, or better!



ANALOGUE

STICK:

Gives you complete 360 degree control over Link, obviously.

'A' BUTTON:

The function changes all the time, so see A as the "action" button. Use this one to talk, fight, or attack, among many other things.

'R' SHOULDER BUTTON:

This allows you to use your shield. You can either hold this up above you or you can hold it in front of you, depending on the shield you have and the situation that you are in.

BOTTOM, LEFT AND RIGHT C:

You use these buttons to use items, after using the item screen to allocate whichever items you want to their relevant user buttons.













There you have it. If you have been reading past issues of TOTAL 64 then you should know just about everything you need to about Zelda on the N64, except how it plays. Well, we can tell you first-hand that it is an absolutely amazing gaming experience. If you want to know exactly how highly we rate the great game itself, then check out the next issue of Total 64 for a full, and very thorough, review.

ZZZ...

Help me...

Please help me...

Whoh! Here we go again!



Merry Christmas to one and all. The festive season is here once again and what a stocking filler we have for you. King of the dinosaur slayers, Turok, gets a rating for his second outing, the long-awaited Body Harvest gets the TOTAL 64 treatment and we investigate whether or not Wipeout 64 will wipe out all its opposition in the racing genre. Oh, and it doesn't stop there! Check out the others on the tree... Santa Claus would be so proud of us!



Prehistoric shenanigans have, again, returned. The stunning sequel to the finest dinosaur slaying adventure looks every bit as stunning as before. We scale its potential.

We've been fervently awaiting the arrival of this mammoth title for months... and now, it is here - yahoo! Will it reap rewards or fail to blossom?

The eagerly-awaited supercharged racer from Psygnosis finally makes it to the N64. Can you handle the speed? We almost filled our pants!

If lamb is the food of love, then let everybody eat chops. If sheep make your mint sauce magnificent, then ewe may want to know how the Take 2 title was rated.

Take to the dirt with the latest racer to speed into Nintendoville. Will it grip to the grit or fall into a ditch?

The colourful juggler with a star fetish strolls in for a spot of clowning. It looks cool, but is it a hot and sweaty mess in the playability stakes?

The futuristic racer from Ubi Soft rockets into the office for our stamp of approval. Will it roar off towards 'Top Score city' or run out of fuel on the starting grid?

Put on some pads and add an ice rink, and we have a violent sporting experience. We check to see if it will bite or merely show us a toothless grin.

TO RREAKDOUT







The CONTROL FREAK box will not only tell you what the controls are for the game, but will also let you know how well they work and how that affects the gameplay.



In the INFO BOX you'll find useful information on memory requirements, number of players, rumble pak compatibility and cartridge size.

REVIEWS INTRO

TOTAL 4: WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

90-100

These are the games that just have to be in your collection. For a game to get this score, it has to excel in every possible way and keep you playing for months. Buy these games... if you know what's good for you!

80-89

Good but not great. These games are likely to be very good but fall short of excellence because of one or two things, usually how long they'll last you. After all, if you shell out 50 notes for a game, it should last you more than two weeks, right?

60-79

Good to average. There will be some of you out there who will enjoy these games, but only if you're a fan of the genre or if you're easily pleased. These games will probably fail to push the N64 and lack any kind of innovation.

40-59

These are the games that promise much but fail to deliver. Miserably. You may be tempted by pretty packaging or by advertising hype but we warn you - don't. Just don't, alright?

20-39

Are you mad? Games that get a score in this range will probably have one or two redeeming features but nothing to keep you playing for more than ten minutes. Leave well alone.

This is a friend-threatening catastrophe. If you own a title that has fallen into this grade, YOU MUST GET RID OF IT! There is a chance your mates will laugh at you behind your back... and you'll never get snogs at the local disco!

Introducing... the TOTAL 64 awards! All games that score 90% or higher will be given the great honour of receiving the Top Banana award. Anything that scores below 40% will get a TOTAL 64 Slip Up - avoid at all costs!







SIMON **'SIX MONTHS'** PHILLIPS

- 1. TUROK 2
- 2. WIPEOUT 64
- 3. F1- WORLD GRAND PRIX
- 4. BODY HARVEST
- 5. GOLDENEYE

THOR: OFFROAD CHALLENGE



JON "SHEEP DIP" AUSTIN

- 1 BODY HARVEST
- 2. TUROK 2
- 3. GOLDENEYE
- 4. WIPEOUT 64
- 5. DUKE NUKEM: ZERO HOUR

PIXIES SUCK: OFFROAD CHALLENGE



T'M OUTTA HERE! DALZELL

- 1 WIPFOUT 64
- 2. TUROK 2
 - 3. BODY HARVEST
 - 4. VULGUS
 - 5. F1- WORLD GRAND PRIX

PEGGY MITCHELL: OFFROAD CHALLENGE



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PAT BUTCHER: OFFROAD CHALLENGE



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- 3. DALEY THOMPSONS D'THON
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- 5. SCHOOLDAZE

PALAK MURG: HORACE GOES SKIING



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- 1. TUROK 2
- 2 BODY HARVEST
- 3 WIPEOUT 64
- 4. F1- WORLD GRAND PRIX
- 5. BANJO-KAZOOIE

MULLETS: OFFROAD CHALLENGE

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VERDICT

SOUND PLAYABILITY The VERDICT BOX stavs pretty much the same, but we've done away with the percentages for category scores and replaced them with single numbers. After all, what exactly is the difference between an 82 and 83 percent sound rating?



1ST IMPRESSIONS lets you know what we thought of the game after that all-important first ten minutes.





REVIEWS ROUND UP has been totally revamped and now gives you all of the information that you would expect from a review - albeit in a bite sized chunk! You can make those all-important purchasing decisions, safe in the knowledge of what you're getting.



CONTROL FREAK



1 ANALOGUE STICK

Either used to control Turok's

'B' BUTTON

Select weapon. Fire weapon.

'C' BUTTONS

movements, or his line of vision

S 'Z' BUTTON

Fire!

Pause. (Isn't it always?!)

Used to duck, or to use your

8 SHOULDER BUTTO!



TUROK 2: SEEDS OF EVIL



Ist Impressions

Turok 2 throws you straight into the Lost Land, with explosions and fires raging everywhere. It is an edge-of-the-seat experience that means you have to be constantly ready for action. The first area is bereft of enemies, so you can get used to the controls, but this does not last long!

urok 2: Seeds of Evil, is an absolute technical masterpiece. Acclaim have brought themselves level with Rare in every way as far as the ability to make the most out of the N64's hardware goes. It takes the best elements of Turok and the best elements of Goldeneye and expands upon them, creating a huge and varied gamesplaying world that will drag you in and hold you there.

Obviously, the game sees you reprising the role of the Red Indian hero Joshua reseed, otherwise known as Turok. Infortunately, after destroying the Campaigner at the end of the last game, Turok took the Chronosceptor (an ancient alien weapon) to a volcano, and threw it in, hoping to

destroy it. What actually happened was that the ensuing explosion woke up a much nastier foe, known as the Primagen, that had lain dormant underground in his lightship for thousands of years. This is not good...

The Primagen himself is trapped, but has ordered his Dinosoid army to destroy the energy totems that keep him immobilised. As Turok, you must protect these totems, destroy the Dinosoid army and finally, put paid to the Primagen once and for all.

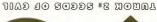
N64? OR 3DFX PC?

To get straight to the point, the graphics in Turok 2 are the best the N64 has handled so far. The backgrounds are extremely well designed, with detailed and varied textures from grass to granite being

well represented. The enemies are similarly incredible, and animated smoothly and flawlessly. Add realtime light-sourcing effects and the hi-res mode and you have a game that would not look out of place running on a £1000 top-spec PC with a 3DFX card!

Iguana's revolutionary sound compression techniques create a similarly jaw-dropping







My boss is a real monster!

Err... we just thought we'd show you some of the end of level bosses. Not because certain other mags reviewed unfinished carts before the bosses were in there. We're not like that, honest! All right then, we are! These bosses are ridiculously hard, and you'll need all your wits and a big gun to defeat them.



This one is the mother, a female and she is rather large, and angry!



Another female, the Hive Queen guards her larvae with her life. While you fight her however, they will begin hatching.



"This is no cave!" What Turok thinks living creature with many huge tentacles and one enormous eye!



This is the Primagen, who actually looks like a male version of the by far the most dangerous!





bore in action is anything but a boring sight, folks! Turok 2: Seeds of Evil is an absolute technical masterpiece. Acclaim have brought themselves level with Rare in their usage of the N64's hardware!

effect for the game's audio, cramming loads of speech into the cart as well as some of the most amazing and atmospheric musical scores to grace the N64.

Turok 2 also plays like a blinder. It may not actually involve much more than its predecessor - wander round, find things, shoot things - but it is done with such panache that it is impossible not to see its gallons of undeniable charm. What it lacks in playability compared to, for example, Body Harvest, it makes up in sheer gamesplaying experience.

Before each level, Turok is given a mission briefing in an impressive cut scene. There are now more varied objectives that you must achieve in order to complete a whole level, from defending energy totems to rescuing small children, and these do definitely add an element of thought to the game. The influence of Goldeneye is also obvious in other areas where you have to employ a bit more stealth and strategy. For example, when a Dinosoid has you pinned down with a solid wall of laser fire, you can slowly edge around the wall and, using your

sniper sight, get a couple of good shots in to the shoulder area, probably blowing its arm off in the process.

MAYBE I'M DISTURBED ...

Yes, much has been made of the gore in Turok 2 and it has been completely justified. Enemies are hit sensitive, meaning that you can blow arms and heads off until the cows come home, and then you could probably blow the cows up too. All of the enemies have a stunning array of death animations which are sickening as well as being

LIPS' COMMENT

All the coverage that we've given

Turok 2 over the months has been entirely justified; Turok 2 is absolutely stunning... From the offset, you are bombarded with an array of quality visuals and sound that you mistakenly assume belong on a much more powerful console than even the N64! All in all, this is a must readily concur with Jon that there are times when I would have

to kill just a few more Dinosoids, but then I probably share the same kind of bloodlust that Shadow does. There are a fair Turok 2 (and the Expansion Pak)

liked to have been able



Clean up that mess!

Turok 2 takes gore in videogames onto a completely new level, with your enemies prone to spilling several pints of claret at the slightest inclination. Here are just some of the better deaths!



head was not bad enough already, the cerebral bore explodes once it



have a bad effect on the Purr-Linn their middle completely!



If anyone else fancies a takeout, I'm going to the Brontoburger for a large helping of spare ribs in barbecue sauce. Absolutely delicious!



then it will be good news to hear toasting enemies!





completely hilarious, and different weapons usually have different effects - for example, the PFM Layer, a mine, will take your enemies' legs off if they stumble too close! Much has been made of the weapons in previous issues of TOTAL 64, so I won't go into them in too much depth, but rest assured that they are absolutely incredible, and that they really do all have significantly different uses.

There are loads of fantastic little touches throughout the game that add to the whole experience. An example is that when a Dinosoid thinks he is going to die, it will flip open a hatch on it's arm and enter a code on a keypad, initialising a self-destruct mechanism in a last resort to take you out too! Enemy Al is indeed rather great throughout. Smaller enemies will leg it if they realise that you are too much for them, and may even come back with reinforcements, while some of

the Dinosoids will take cover behind scenery and be a nightmare to flush out!

Turok 2 is not entirely faultless, although not far off. I personally would have liked more humanoids to kill, but then maybe I'm just disturbed... A few more dinosaurs would not have gone amiss either.

MULTIPLAYER MAYHEM!

Turok 2 will keep you playing for months, providing what must be one of the toughest challenges ever in any videogame on any format. What of the multiplayer? In the rush to beat us to a review, certain other

mags reviewed an unfinished cart where the multiplayer was not working, but found themselves proclaiming it to be a match for Goldeneye. Undoubtedly it is a fantastic multiplayer game, with its wealth of options and scenarios making it one of the top five on the N64, but the sad fact is that it doesn't attain the aiddy heights of Goldeneye's four player fun. Why? It's hard to say really. The field of vision is

are not big enough or designed as well as they could have been and the weapons don't really suit a deathmatch-type scenario. It is a good alternative to Goldeneye, but as

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the levels

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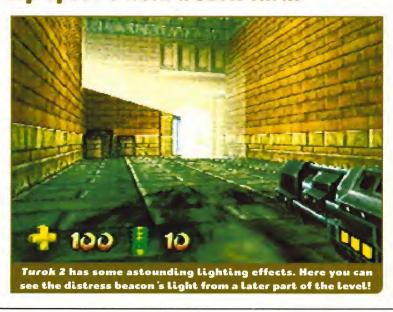
for it being better better - well, the answer is simply no way.

So how does Turok 2 compare to Goldeneye overall then? To be honest, it is not quite as good, but then it is a completely different game, different enough to warrant a purchase. At £39.99 you can't really say no! You've all bought Goldeneye, and now you must all own Turok 2 as well. It is just about the most fun you can have with a piece of vibrating plastic in your hands... JON

Add real-time light-sourcing effects and the hi-res mode and you have a game that would not look out of place running on a £1000 top-spec PC with a 3DFX card!







VERDICT

GRAPHICS

The best graphics in any console game ever, with or without the expansion pak!



SOUND

CD quality music, jawdropping sound effects, lots of crystal clear speech!



PLAYABILITY

Simple, but effective. Blow lots of things up and have fun doing it!



LASTABILITY

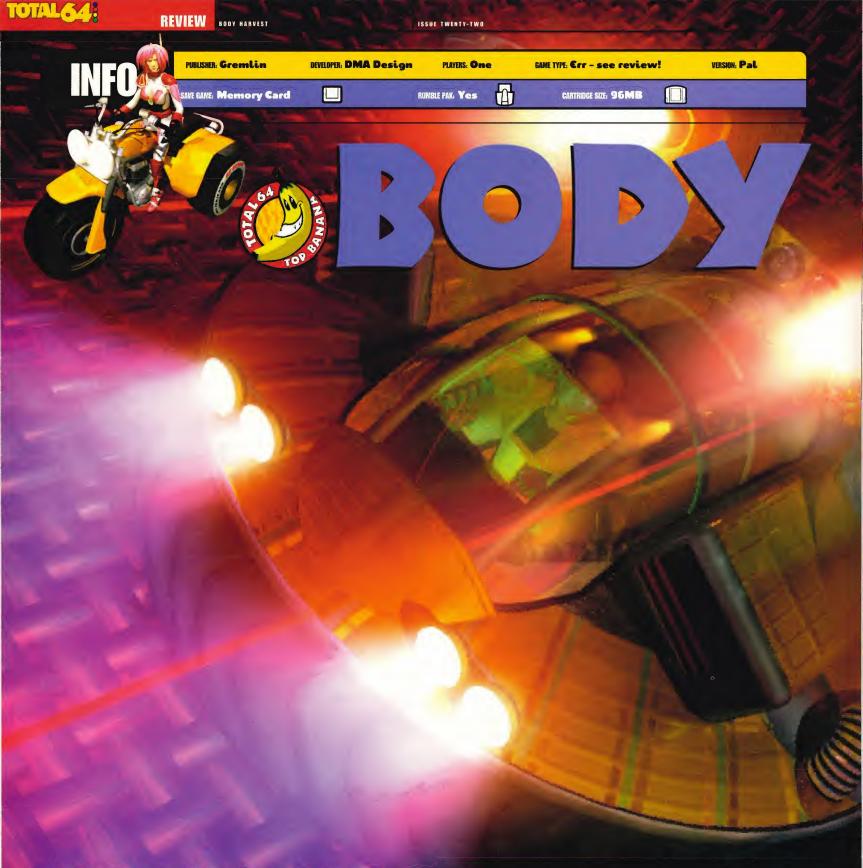
One of the hardest games on the N64 yet, it will keep you going for ages!



OVERALL

The first game of the N64's second phase, a masterpiec you must own!





Body Harvest has been in production in darkest Scotland for the best part of four years, going through several transformations in that time. This means that it's fantastic right? No, let us not be too quick to judge after the disappointment that was Mission: Impossible...





Oooh! Body Harvest kicks off with a corny B-movie style introduction, showing Adam Drake donning his armour in a most Metroid-like manner. We like that. We like that a lot! The in-game graphics look a little outdated, but as long as it plays well, this could become a classic..

Body Harvest

Innovation, gameplay, quirkiness, value and humour. Watchwords on which DMA Design have built their city over the last several years. Lemmings, Grand Theft Auto and the superb Silicon Valley are just three examples of milestone games from the developers that have broken down genre barriers and provided many a gamesplayer with hundreds of happy hours of play.

likes of Turok 2, has received surprisingly little fanfare in the runup to its long awaited release. Despite this, TOTAL 64 has been confident for some time that the final result would be a world-beating

Body Harvest, when compared to the

game - and we were right.

Body Harvest is basically an update of the arcade classic Defender, where alien ships kidnapped humanoids (er... or rectangles that squealed), you had to shoot the aliens and catch the falling humanoids, before returning them safely to the ground.

Aliens that just happen to bear a passing resemblance to giant insects have invaded Earth during certain periods in Earth's history, and are methodically harvesting the human race to extinction. Oh dear ... Luckily, a square-jawed super soldier by the name of Adam Drake has invested in time-travelling technology and has set off to destroy the alien menace.

Reap what you sow...

To get straight to the point, Body Harvest is everything we ever wished it would be... and more. Trying to define it is like pulling teeth however. Think

Zelda crossed with Jet Force Gemini (which bears more than a passing resemblance to Body Harvest. DMA lost a programmer to Rare - odd that...) crossed with Blast Corps, and you're erm... still not that close actually. Action-adventure-exploration-RPGpuzzle-driving game-shoot-'em-up with a horror B-movie/Starship Troopers/Manga feel/Enix developed SNES RPG is about as close as I can get I'm afraid. Luckily, considering the mix of genres involved, Body Harvest fits together absolutely seamlessly.

You begin the game in Greece, 1916. After a few seconds you come across a delivery car, which you can get into and drive around. This in itself is an enjoyable enough experience. You can spend hours driving around the countryside, jumping from one vehicle to the next, running over some innocent citizens... whatever. The vehicles all handle amazingly well, putting the handling in pure driving games to shame, and they all control guite differently too. Vehicle physics are also well represented. Park a tank on the top of a hill then jump out and give it a push... and laugh with glee as people below scream while they are being crushed to death! ()



ANALOGUE STICK

Controls Adam Drake and his fleet of vehicles - beautifully.

'A' BUTTON

Accelerate, open doors, etc.

'B' BUTTON

Reverse.

4 'C' BUTTONS

Controls for your camera.

5 'Z' BUTTON

Fire.

6 START BUTTON

Pause...

D-PAD

Used to select weapons.

'R' SHOULDER BUTTON

🔒 is used to aim, Goldeneye style, while L answers incoming messages.





round for jetly! Adam's got a bit of an appetite on him!



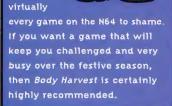
Realising the futility of it all, Adam seems to have resorted to extreme measures to sort out the evil alien menace!



LIPS' COMMENT

Initially, I was a little unimpressed by what looked like a shoddy first-generation Nintendo game reminiscent (visually at least) of

Blast Corps. However, looks can be deceiving. Graphical charms may not be Body Harvest's strongest suit, but the gamenlay certainly is and it puts



Of course, this is not how to play the game properly, but it is good that the choice is there for you to play Body Harvest the way you want to.

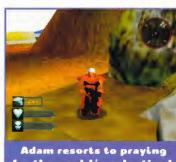
To play it properly however, you need to clear each of the five levels before your body count meter fills up. Groups of aliens beam down and set to the task of harvesting the population - they ram the houses to flush them out and then capture them in blobs of alien snot, and it is your job to eliminate the workers and guards before taking on the big



harvester himself. These aliens actually start off pretty weak, but by the time you have cleared the first level you'll be in serious danger of kicking the bucket every time a new wave beams down

Riddle me this...

The puzzles start off very easy - you have to pull a lever to lower a bridge for example - but before long they get very difficult, and they are also very original, and very cool. For example, only half an hour into the game and a psychotic alien wave's attack sets a village on fire, leaving you only two minutes to extinguish said flames, which is not enough time. If you had searched through the houses thoroughly beforehand however, you would know that the kids of the village were banned from jumping the ravine on their motorbikes. Aha! You have to jump on the motorbike,



for the world's salvation!

clear the ravine and nab a fire engine from the station, before making your way back around to the village and dousing the flames!

A great feature is that you can overcome problems how you want to. At one point on level 1, there is a goods truck driving around the roads running people over. No explanation is given for this - I reckon it's a deranged farmer who has panicked and is trying to flee the area - but nevertheless he is putting your body count up, so you need to stop him. Unfortunately blowing the truck up sees your body count shoot up considerably - maybe it's full of deranged farmers - so I found the best thing to do was shunt him off a cliff, leaving the truck stranded, yet the inhabitants alive. You will no doubt find another way around this!

For my money Body Harvest is the best game to hit the N64 since Goldeneye and in the long run it may be as well regarded as the Rare masterpiece.

Adam Drake travels not only through time zones in Body Harvest, but from place to place too. Here you can see some of the locations where you can send your friends postcards from.



The first level sees Adam visit Greece, circa 1916. The aliens and puzzles are relatively hard here, but this is nothing at all compared to later levels!



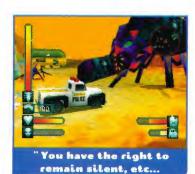
Your next port of call is an American city in 1966. The aliens this time around are huge, and covered in metallic protective armour, Gulp!



Luckily Adam packed his thermal pants, for he will be going to Siberia, circa 1991. He's going to need some pretty large guns here too!



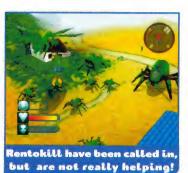
Adam's Captain, Daisy, has been kidnapped, so he has to go to the comet from where the aliens have come, in 2016, to kick butt!



The shooting action is fast, frantic and fun, and is also peppered with a huge selection of impressive firearms for Mr. Drake to utilise. Apart from this, many of the vehicles also come with their own weaponry, from tanks to old wartime bombers! There are around sixty vehicles for you to utilise in the game, and luckily, every taste has been catered for. Gyrocopters, freight trains, tanker ships, a cable car and a hovertank

> are just some of those that provide the most gaming entertainment. There may only be five levels, but they are absolutely huge, and the game gets very difficult very soon, leading towards an

estimated hundred hours of gameplay - that's over twice what an average player will get out of Banjo-Kazooie!



No jerkiness here!

You may notice that I have written a four page review without a mention so far of the graphics and sound. This is because it is in fact absolutely inconsequential when the game is as good as this is. It does not matter because you would be wrapped up in the world of Body Harvest if it looked and sounded like a hippo doing a turd. Luckily it doesn't! The graphics are very stylish if not generally jawdropping (probably because they are a couple of years old now!), although the aliens and most of the vehicles look great. Fogging is present but not that noticeable, and the whole thing runs extremely smoothly with none of the jerkiness associated with, say, Mission: Impossible. Luckily, despite its gore and the sick nature of the game, the BBFC have only decided to slap a '12' certificate on the game, after earlier rumours that it would be an '18'! The sound and music are both



they've sent their newest plane, cunningly disguised!

absolutely superb, diverse, dynamic and very atmospheric.

Problems? There's no multiplayer action, but this game doesn't need any... and... err... and the game can occasionally be unforgiving to a little mistake, like falling into some water, which can prove to be frustrating occasionally due to a slight lack of save points.

For my money, Body Harvest is arguably the best game to hit the N64 since Goldeneye - yes, maybe even better than Turok 2, which is saying something - and in the long run, Body Harvest may be as well regarded as the Rare masterpiece. If Zelda eventually turns out to be a disappointment, then this truly fantastic gaming experience more than makes up for it. JON



GRAPHICS

Very stylish, pretty good, but not technically ground-breaking.



SOUND

Provides loads of atmosphere for the carnage taking place.



PLAYABILITY

Just about faultless. A gorgeous gaming experience, Superb.



LASTABILITY

It'll take you forever to complete it on "Hero"!



OVERALL

You've never played anything like Body Harvest before, An absolute must-have



The vehicles Adam can commandeer all handle amazingly well, putting the handling in pure driving games to shame, and they all control quite differently too.

Something's Bugging Me!

Adam comes across a wide variety of mutant insect aliens during his travels. They start off quite small, but soon become quite a force to be reckoned with. Here are some to watch out for...



This huge praying mantis has taken a considerable dislike to the garish nature of Adam's armour - and can you blame it?



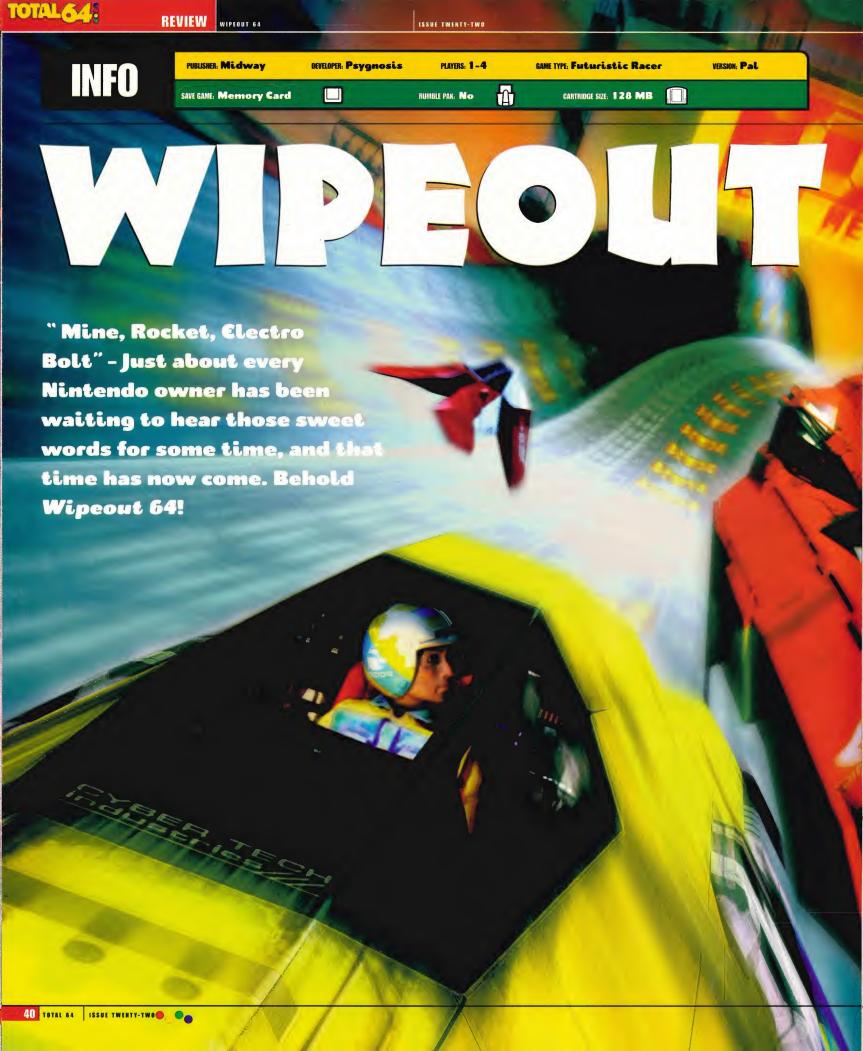
This massive scorpion can't help being clumsy and knocking stuff over. He's just trying to live his life in peace!



"Way to go, Dude!". Adam Drake accidently stumbles onto the set of "Tremors", and suffers a case of worms!



When you get to the comet, the aliens get bigger and altogether more scary... The Alpha Tank is a Godsend!





Ist Impressions

Wooooah, this'll be a bit fast then. The weapons look as good as ever and they've even managed to include the lovely blue trails behind the ships. It pops-up a little, but no more than you'd expect. All things considered, this rocks! Anyone for some multi-player action?







Ha, got ya! Feel the wrath of my Electro Bolt. That'll teach you to even think about laying mines!





CONTROL FREAK



1 ANALOGUE STICK

Steers the craft.

'A' BUTTON

Accelerate.

'B' BUTTON

Fire weapon.

'C' BUTTONS

Up - Change view. Down - Discard weapon. L&R - Like a small wet piece of string as a lever, no use.

'Z' BUTTON

Left Air Brake.

6 START BUTTON

Pause/Menu.

7 D-PAD

Not used.

rom concrete, no use.

intendo owners have been waiting for what seems like an age for a decent racer. The recent release of FI World Grand Prix saw that we weren't left out in the cold, and with the forthcoming Extreme-G 2 and F-Zero X due out just before Christmas, it looks like we will have something to shout about, at last.

Let's face it, we still aren't spoilt for choice - until now that is. For Wipeout 64 is a-coming!

New Kid on

From the moment you turn it on, you know you're in for something special. This isn't just a port over from previous versions, but a whole new kettle of fish altogether. Consider this as Wipeout 3.

There are new modes, some new weapons, and - best of all - there are new courses, all of which have been perfectly designed. The main thing that strikes you initially is the sheer pant-soiling speed of the game.



The second is the fluidity of the graphics at high speed, it is truly awesome. If your adrenaline levels are a little lacking at the moment, then you'd better prepare yourself for the ride of your life.

Each track has been meticulously designed in such a way that it allows a gradual learning curve, with each corner requiring just the right amount of steering. On the more demanding corners, a little touch of the air brakes will see you right. The sensitivity of the analogue stick takes a while to get used to, but once you do you'll be flying along like the rest of them.

The unusually named courses all have their own unique look with some



fantastic little touches. On the Machaon Il course you will see plants hanging down over the entrance to one of the tunnels, on Doron IV course you will see yourself entering the mouth of some overly-toothed character as you plummet to the bottom of a huge hill. The lighting effects are ()



Doh, I'd just picked up an energy pack too! The one downfall of the AG Systems ship is the lack of shield energy.





also rather special, with different shades and shadows casting their 64bit glory down for all to see.

All the previous settings for speed are there: Vector, Vemon, Rapier and Phantom. They all become progressively faster, adding even more scope to the game. The more speed you have, the sooner you will have to start thinking about taking the corner.

In two-player mode, the speed remains almost as scarily fast with

a ons. Entering into the mouth of the beast - those teeth sure look sharp. I hope he's brushed them recently!

only a few minor cutbacks on the weapons icons and a few effects. During the three and four player options, the backgrounds are lost altogether, leaving you with just the ship and the track itself. It still moves very guickly though, making it able to compete easily with the likes of F-Zero X and Extreme-G 2. To be honest, Wipeout 64, wipes the floor with the above games in terms of gameplay and speed.

Wipe out the Competition

There is only really one thing (or one set of things) that hasn't changed for this version - the racing craft. All the original ships are included, from the AG Systems to the Quirex and even the Piranha (albeit a newer version), "If something is not broken, then why fix it?" as one might say!

The weapons, on the other hand, have been given a tweaking. All the

original weapons are here as before, like the Quake Disruptor and the Electro Bolts, so nothing has been taken out at all. However, four new weapons have been added. These new additions include a forcefield generator, which will leave a rectangular forcefield on the track for other players to run into and suffer energy drain. There's a machine gun that, once activated, fires a continuous stream of bullets capable of destroying an enemy craft in seconds. There's also another energy draining weapon that fires out a stream of electrically charged hoops that will slow down opponents. There is also an energy draining missile that transfers an opponent's energy to your ship, replenishing

LIPS' COMMENT

What can I say? After extolling the virtues of a variety of racing games over the past year, it is almost embarassing to relate that what we at TOTAL 64 had once thought was superb now merely

> looks dull, drab and positively sedate. Wipeout

64 re-writes the book not only is it superbly fast

but it also plays like a silicon dream. Despite reservations about the slightly limited

on the N64. You won't believe

how good this game plays, looks

and sounds - you will simply have

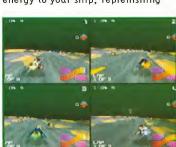
to buy it to find out. If you don't

get yourself a copy of Wipeout

64, then you need to seek some

number of racetracks.

Wipeout still wipes the floor with every racer



The emphasis on destroying ships has certainly become more apparent, with many challenges requiring you to destroy a certain number of craft to complete the race.





WIPEOUT 64

Vehicles All the original craft are present and correct in their full 64-bit glory. Making the right choice is essential to acheive the best lap times...

your all-important shields. The emphasis on destroying ships has certainly become more apparent, with many challenges requiring you to destroy a certain number of craft to complete the race.

The Championship modes are a lot more complex than before. There are three different modes of play - Race, Time Trial and Weapon. Each mode has a series of races in which you must finish third or better and fulfill any requirements asked of you to progress. In Race mode, you will alternate between the use of weapons to win a race and just plain racing with no weapons at all. There are six races altogether and you complete them one by one to progress.

In Time Trial you must complete a lap in a certain amount of time. You will be given a boost at the start automatically and one turbo boost to use at your discretion.

Selecting the Weapon Mode will see you competing against a whole pack of forceful foes, taking any opportunity to blow you out of the way. It doesn't get much more frantic than this.

Techno, Techno, Techno

Following in the footsteps of the previous games, the techno theme

reigns supreme once again. Although not quite as inspired as the sounds on 2097, such artists as Fluke and Propellerheads put in a worthwhile appearance as well as the okay-ish in-house music by PC Music. Although this might not be to everyone's taste, imagine racing along to Bat Out Of Hell or something equally as trite. Although appropriately named for this game, it certainly wouldn't be very fitting in a futuristic setting such as this. (Only if the riders wore mullets and were terminally sad - Ed.)

So on the whole, Wipeout 64 really does kick some proverbial ass. The speed is staggering, the challenge is



second to none and - let's face it - this is the best version ever. At last all the owners of Sony's little grey box will have something to think about! Paul

The main thing that strikes you initially is the sheer pant-soiling speed of the game. The second is the fluidity of the graphics at high speed, it is truly awesome.







VERDICT

GRAPHICS

Super smooth adrenaline pumping action with only slight pop-up.



SOUND

Not quite 2097 in the music department, but a worthwhile effort.



PLAYABILITY

Always the game's strong point, not many racers this fast remain playable.



LASTABILITY

With single and multiplayer modes combined one of the most lastable racing games ever.



OVERALL

The fastest, smoothest and coolest racing game to hit the 64. Ever!





REVIEW SILICON VALLEY

ISSUE TWENTY-TWO

PUBLISHER: Take 2

BEVELOPER: DMA Design

PLAYERS: 1

GAME TYPE: Exploration Puzzle Platformer

SAVE GAME: Battery Back-Up



RUMBLE PAK: No



CARTRIDGE SIZE: 96MB



With tasks ranging from chasing sheep around to getting an elephant out of a tree, Silicon Valley is hardly the definition of the word "conventional", and is certainly not the Banjo-style platformer other mags have labelled it. Unfortunately, a groundbreaking title is not always the same thing as a must-have title. Is Silicon Valley both?



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Ist Impressions

The intro sequence is imaginative and hilarious, and one of the best we've ever seen in any N64 game yet. Once you get to control Evo and get into the game properly, your first actual task is "Get me a sheep". Lucky for me really, I'll feel right at home with this one...

BC2's "Robot Wars", presented by the, err... (how do I avoid being sued) slightly irritating Jeremy Clarkson and the lurryely Phillipa Forester, does not paint an accurate portrayal of robots in the future. "Crappy remote control cars with forks on" was this month's dry observation from Thor. Indeed. The fact is that cybernetics technology is developing at an astounding rate, and it won't be a terribly long time before robots look and sound pretty lifelike. Of course, in science fiction, these robots always end up turning on their weak human masters and usurping them,

thus cementing their place as the next step in evolution.

Silicon Valley takes this all too familiar premise for its background. It takes place upon a space station, an experiment to see how robotic animals will survive, breed and evolve on their own with humans only there to observe. Unfortunately, the robots go mad and take over the station, killing the human population, and to make matters worse, the Station vanishes, lost in space.

It reappears 1000 years later, and Mrs Frank Bloke, Earth President (a woman with a Hitleresge moustache!) sends Dan Danger and his robotic sidekick Evo (hang on, didn't robots cause all the trouble in the first place?), heroes for hire, to go and sort out the mess. Unfortunately, an accident on the way (see "The Story Begins") renders Evo's microchip brain without a body, leaving him no option but to take over that of a recently deceased dog.

ROGER THE DOG

This is where you will take over. Controlling Roger, you need to use his abilities to carry out a number of infuriatingly simple tasks. Deactivate a sheep, collect some energy



1 ANALOGUE STICK

Controls your dog, sheep, microchip, bear, monkey, elephant. Or whatever.

2 'A' BUTTON

Used to activate your animal's

3 'B' BUTTON

Used to activate your animal's secondary skill.

4 'C' BUTTONS

Control the camera angle and zoom.

5 'Z' BUTTON

Locks in a behind-the-shoulder

6 START BUTTON

Pause...

7 D-PAD

Not used.

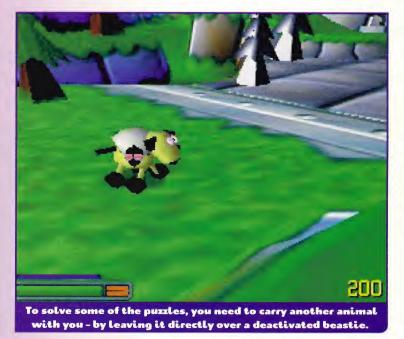
8 'R' SHOULDER BUTTON

Transfers Evo from one animal to another.

Silicon Valley should take you absolutely ages to complete. You will probably be bereft of hair long before you complete the first few levels, and there are fifty in all!







REVIEW

LIPS' COMMENT

Another one of those games that at first confuses but then begins to suck out your brains and put blisters on your hand. We were all non-plussed at first by Silicon Valley: it gave you a few tasks to perform, you did them and then you moved on to the next level simple. However, there is so

much more to the game; there are bonuses and extra puzzles for you to try to complete, all of which are silly with a capital 'silly'. Maybe it is because I am

at heart about nine years old, but I love Silicon Valley, and along with DMA's other biggy Body Harvest, I reckon I have got my Christmas pretty much sorted out - go treat yourself!



This is one of the earlier bonus levels, a canine-in-a-plane flight combat game that takes the form of a dogfight! Arf arf!

and round some more sheep into a pen. Simple enough you may think, but at that point Silicon Valley takes a much darker path, suddenly becoming guite difficult. The game set-up is a slightly platformy-puzzler, with large heaps of exploration thrown in as well for good measure. The essence of Silicon Valley lies in learning to master the many types of animal in the game - there are forty in all - and their differing abilities. These abilities are sometimes obvious, such as a boxing

> kangaroo, but some of them are completely insane, from the rocket fox to the

chainsaw-wielding llama. It is not always obvious how these powers are to be used, but then it wouldn't be a puzzle game if everything about it was obvious, would it?

Silicon Valley is basically a toy for you to play with how you like. You can first lure a sheep behind your crashed rocket, and then you can scare Dan into igniting the engines and frying it to a crisp! Why? Because it's funny and because you can! (not because you're a sick man in need of therapy? - Ed.)

Levels take place over a number of scenarios, starting in Europe and progressing to arctic, desert and



rainforest scenarios with the animals becoming more diverse and exotic. Every few levels there are bonus levels, including a Diddy Kong Racing styled flying level, a level reminiscent of Waverace 64 but controlling Walruses named "Walrace 64" - and a level where you control a boxing kangaroo and take on a series of other animals in one-on-one fistfights in a boxing ring!

NICK PARK MEETS SOUTH PARK!

Graphically, Silicon Valley is extremely competent, although nothing amazing. The animals are well rendered and animated and fogging is kept down to an absolute minimum. It is yet another example of a cutesy-style game, with for example, the sheep looking and sounding exactly like those from Nick Park's "A Close Shave", but this cute exterior hides a dark underside and humour which is reminiscent of "South Park" at its most side-splittingly hilarious. What kids' game would encourage burning sheep and eating

If you want to exercise your brain and take a weird break from the norm of shooting and platform games then this will be something of a pleasure to your palette.



A boxing kangaroo takes on a fellow fighter for the right to face World Champion Prince Naseem.



One of the best characters is this huge Gorilla, who has an odd penchant for beating his chest!



This polar bear is fitted with caterpillar tracks, meaning that the ground is snow problem!



As a tortoise tank, Evo gets ready to give a pastingto a couple of water spewing elephants!



Conker has some serious competition here for the title of the N64's coolest squirrel!



The sheep is a docile but useful animal due to her ability to float like a cloud!









poo anyway?

Unfortunately, DMA have seen the need to infuse this cartridge with the worst tunes known to mankind. Imagine some bad lounge jazz played on a Bontempi organ and you're getting close. You get the impression that they know how bad it is and that they are extracting the maximum Peter Schmeichel, but knowing that the music is that cheesy does not really give them the right to inflict it on us, does it? The music is impressively dynamic, constantly changing to match your vicinity to the speakers if you hate the music so much you can blow the speakers up! The sound effects consist of humorous running sound and a plethora of barks, growls, and baaas, while main characters like Dan talk in a very similar way to those in Banjo-Kazooie.

Silicon Valley is simple to play but very hard to beat, and it should take you absolutely ages to complete indeed, you will probably be bereft of hair long before you complete the first few levels, and there are fifty in all!

KING RAT FART

Silicon Valley is brimming with great ideas and touches that really give the game a personality. For example, when



you leave one animal's body, you can walk around for a limited period of time as a microchip. This chip cleverly resembles a spider, which can be used to reach objects that you may not be able to reach using any other way. Unfortunately, Evo cannot survive in the elements for long without a host, so it is a wise idea to be close to an animal you have deactivated when you leave one, and not to stray too far.

One of the best characters is a Rat King that you get to control. At first it is confusing what you need to do with his "rat fart" skill, but you soon work out that the scent that this emits persuades smaller rats to follow you around, and you have to keep them there by, err... re-stressing your invitation every now and then so that they don't leave you. When you have several rats following you, you can emit a bugle sound, causing them to swarm onto an enemy creature and attack it!

There is no denying that Silicon Valley is a great game. It can get annoying wandering around for aeons without the slightest clue of what you have to do, but the frustration that many levels cause is followed by a fantastic feeling of smugness when you actually work out what has to be done and manage to complete the level. It is



Cola ads. The choice of a new generation... of polar bears!

definitely rewarding enough to keep you coming back, although once completed you will probably not ever feel the need to return to the game and there is no two-player mode. although how this could possibly work

is dubious anyway.

Silicon Valley is one of those rare beasts that will be praised by the media but probably won't top the best selling lists as it obviously isn't for everybody.

If you want to exercise your brain and take a weird break from the norm ("It's 7:36! Do your parents know you're out?") of shooting and platform games, then this game will be something of a pleasure to your fun palette. A well deserved Top Banana, and all the more praise to DMA for managing to create something original. JON







GRAPHICS

Very pleasant, but nothing groundbreaking.



SOUND

Good effects, but the music is terrible.



PLAYABILITY

Immensely playable, and lots of fun.



LASTABILITY

This one will have you going for ages.



OVERALL

Not for everyone, but a great game brimming with new ideas.









PUBLISHER: Infogrames DEVELOPER: Eden Studios PLAYERS: 1-2 GAME TYPE: Rally Sim VERSION: PAL

SAVE GAME: Memory Card RUMBLE PAK: No GARTRIDGE SIZE: 128MB

What has the human race been praying for since the dawn of time? World Peace? Contact with beings from another world? Breakthrough cures for AIDS and cancer? Nah... more unlikely than that, we have been praying for a good N64 racing game. And at last we've got one, in the shape of FI World Grand Prix.

But is that our lot, or is V-Rally a

serious contender for the N64 racing crown?







Ist Impressions

that machine on my desk is a Nintendo 64. It is not grey and does not bear any resemblance to a turd, but surely this is the PlayStation version!

he search for a good N64 driving game has been a long and arduous one, and one that has been fruitless since the birth of the machine. Sure, we have plenty of great racing games, from Mario Kart to F-Zero X to Wipeout 64, but the difference between a racing game and a driving game is huge. A racing game is all about speed and reflexes, while a good driving game is about becoming at one with your, chosen machine and experiencing/a feeling that is as close to real driving as you can get from a small

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black box and a hand instrument that looks like an alien fighter craft.

HARD RIGHT!

Top Gear Rally, GT64 and others all provided passable efforts which we would have been happy with until our eyes turned an evil shade of green when our PlayStation-owning friends got the triple-hit combo of TOCA, Colin McRae and Gran Turismo.

Of course, there was one other game that provided something of a splash on Sony's machine. Offering what was basically Sega Rally for the PlayStation, Infogrames' V-Rally still holds the position of the third best driving game on that machine,

despite the fact that it is nearly two years old. How lucky it is for us then

that Infogrames have decided to erase the sickly aftertaste provided by the disappointing GT64 by releasing an updated version of this PlayStation classic for the most powerful games machine you can buy today.

As soon as you start playing V-Rally, you will know that it is a PlayStation conversion, as it features the roughedged polygons, pop-up and the twodimensional roadside decoration that adorn all racers on that machine, as opposed to the lovely, smooth threedimensional backgrounds of the likes of F1 World Grand Prix.

Having said that, it is obvious that the game has been given a full 64-bit overhaul, with the PlayStation version rightly paling in comparison. The point is that the fact that it was originally designed for the PlayStation does not matter, as it is a gorgeous-looking game which you can no doubt tell from the screenshots - far better looking than GT64 at any rate. The track design is unfortunately not as good as it could have been. Some of the tracks have been well structured to avoid pop-up on the horizon, ()

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ANALOGUE STICK

Precise control over your vehicle.

2 'A' BUTTON

Accelerate.

3 'B' BUTTON

"C' BUTTONS

Top C is change view, bottom C is the handbrake. That's all, folks.

5 'Z' BUTTON

Change down a gear.

6 START BUTTON

Pause, Duh.

7 D-PAD

This gives you a different type of control over your car, and is probably easier to use than the analogue stick.

8 SHOULDER BUTTON

L changes down a gear (if you are playing with the D-pad) while R changes up.





You can race an arcade race, take part in a full Rally championship, or improve your lap times with the time trial option - which gets mightily addictive!



V-RALLY











Maybe V-Rally isn't quite as good as F1 World Grand Prix but it is still a fantastic racing game that you should add to your collection.



but this means that is much more obvious when they aren't. The pop-up is not that intrusive however - it could have been worse, and it is better than a thick layer of fog. Luckily the whole thing moves quite smoothly and more importantly... it's fast! Really fast!

The sound is less impressive. although it does its job. The car noises are annoying, but they sound quite realistic, and engine noises are not the most beautiful sound in real life to me anyway. The much maligned heavy metal soundtrack of the PlayStation version has been

removed, probably because nobody liked it (I did - how sad...), but even that would have been better than no in-game music at all. There are nice touches however, such as the noises of birds in the sky, and applause from spectators when you drive past a group of them.

BEGINNERS, CHEATS AND WUSSES...

Of course, V-Rally is, in essence, a completely different game to Infogrames' last offering, being based around rally driving. V-Rally does not, however try to provide the

Destination... Anywhere!



Corsica is a standard, European tarmac drive through a forest.



Safari sees you getting to grips with a muddy floor, in rainy season.



In Spain the weather is hot, and the roads are not gripping well!



Sweden is the true test for rally masters - like driving on an ice-rink!







most realistic rallying experience in the world, but a mix between that and a simple arcade experience. To play the game properly, you have to take into account all sorts of factors You can change most things about your car, such as the gear ratios and suspension, and when doing this you really have to take into account the weather conditions, driving surface, and the layout of the track, among other things. Of course, a real player will only play with manual gears, as automatic gears are only used by three types of people: beginners, cheats and wusses

GHOST RACING!

V-Rally is by no means a "pick up and play" game, but one which requires many patient hours of practice before you do not find



yourself spinning off the track at every corner. Perseverance will eventually lead to a very rewarding driving game.

There is a real longevity to the game in other ways as well. There are around fifty (yes, fifty!) tracks to get to grips with, as well as eleven cars that all handle pretty differently There is the option to race an arcade race, or to take part in a full Rally championship, or improve your lap times with the time trial option, by racing against your own ghost which gets mightily addictive!

The only major problem with the game is that, unlike GT64 where it felt like you were trying to steer a hippo, the cars often feel a tad 'floaty-light', and will spin out of control if you hit the smallest of obstacles, and will probably roll over if you mount a grass verge. Despite this, no damage is ever inflicted to your car! This is something that you will get used to however - if you learn what you can or can not get away with then you will eventually reap the benefits.

V-Rally is not the Gran Turismo beating racing game that we want (it is coming though...). Maybe it isn't quite as good as F1 World Grand Prix, but it is still a fantastic racing game that you should add to your collection. JON



LIPS' COMMENT

Without a doubt this is one of

the fastest racers on the N64. However, as a consequence there is also some terrible pop-up in places that can become a tad tiresome. Your vehicles also tend to skid around the courses as though some evil swine has poured oil all over them. Nevertheless, V-Rally really shines out as a quality racer that requires not a little

perseverance to master, which is after all no bad thing. If you want a quality wheel-based racer then V-Rally is the game.

VERDICT

GRAPHICS

Pretty impressive. GT64... what was that again?



SOUND

Rrrmmmm! Rmm! Eeeeeel



PLAYABILITY

Hard to master, but you will get there eventually! Have faith..



LASTABILITY

Plenty of options and really difficult later on.



OVERALL

A serious contender for the best driving game on the N64.



Start your engines!

V-Rally gives you loads of cars to learn to use. Here are just four of the most popular ones available.



The car for masters, the Renault Megane holds the road extremely well at speed!



Surprisingly useful, the Seat Ibiza is probably the best for beginners. It's ugly though!



The choice of Colin McRae. the Subaru is actually very tail-happy, slipping all over the place.



The Escort is about as boring in the game as it is in real-life. Steer well clear!

INFO

REVIEW STARSHOT

PLAYE

GAME TYPE: Platform

VERSION: Pat

SAVE GAME: Memory Card



RUMBLE PAK: No

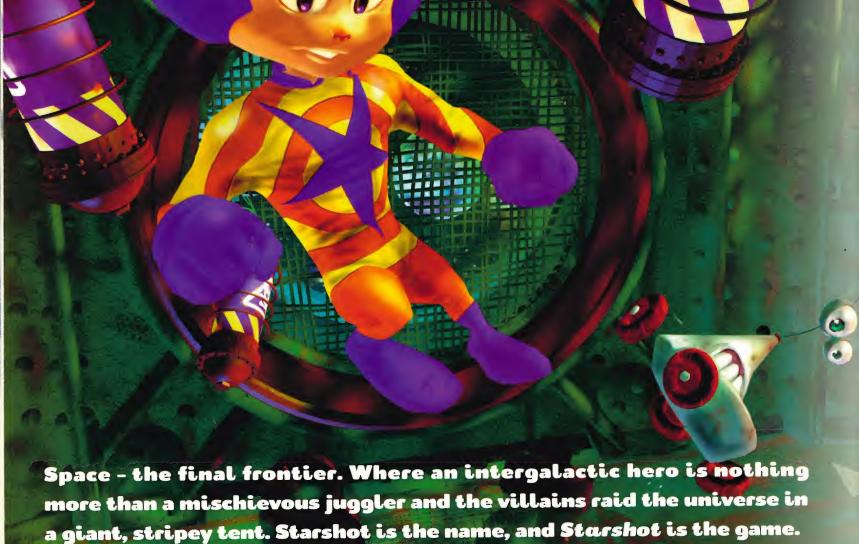
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CARTRIDGE SIZE: 128K



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Ist Impressions

This is an extremely impressive-looking title in the graphics department. The storyline is just as innovative as the control you have over the viewing angles, but the overall gameplay feels somewhat cumbersome and awkward to handle.

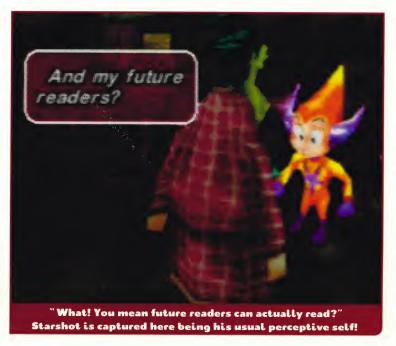




s far as platform adventures go, Nintendo appear to have had the lion's share of the top quality titles in recent years. Mario 64 began the onslaught, with the flagship character turning in yet another blinding console performance, and subsequently setting the standard by which other developers for the N64 have had to conform. Banjo-Kazooie and Gex have all attempted and succeeded in consolidating the N64's superiority in this field, and have all done well in what is arguably its most popular genre of game. With such a healthy crop of predecessors. Starshot has undoubtedly got to perform at the highest level. The Infogrames software has already undertaken a name change,

(this is the artist formerly known as Space Circus) and is now ready to fly into your console homes.

adventure set amongst a somewhat colourful backdrop of outer



space. You play the eponymous multitalented hero with a skill for juggling and a fearless outlook on life itself. The story is an amalgamation of wacky cartoon antics set amongst a lighthearted science fiction theme. Starshot is a member of the intergalactic circus, aptly titled the Space Circus. A continuing feud between his troop and a savage rival act, namely the Virtua Circus, has ensured Starshot's workload is kept at a maximum. with his mission primarily being to save his own circus whilst trying to bring about the ultimate demise of the fiendish competitor.

Luminary larking

With so many different platformers filtering onto the N64 market, the genre has moved on considerably, in terms of both innovation and overall quality. What Infogrames have done to make their product stand away from the mainstream conventions of the genre is make the whole event

action/fighting side of the game is abounding. There rarely seems to be a moment without a character to interact with, or an adversary to dispose of. Enemies come in various shapes and sizes, but mostly in the form of members from the rival troop. From little robots to oversized, mallet-wielding harlequins, they are varied in appearance but easy to acknowledge (they can usually be found running after you in an angry manner.) Apart from the crew of the Virtua Circus, planet inhabitants can also turn their aggressive attentions toward you. Although most of the natives are salespeople or wise folk with cryptic messages, some of them routinely go about their business totally unaware of your cause. From children on the beach building sandcastles to half-dressed ladies in changing tents, these folk will not bother you unless you bother them. Trample on the kiddies' sandcastles for too long and you could find them chasing you with their buckets (>)

can be revisited at will. Puzzles are

encountered frequently and the

Starshot is a platform non-linear. This means that there is no specific route to the end of the game and many of the places visited "What Infogrames have done to make their product stand away from the mainstream conventions of the genre is make the whole event non-linear"



CONTROL FREAK



1 ANALOGUE STICK

Moves the Starshooting clown around his three dimensional environment, Forward, back, left, right, etc.

2 'A' BUTTON

Performs Starshot's somersault leap. Good for jumping over chasms or leaping over kneeintended missiles.

3 'B' BUTTON

Starshot's very own power armament. This activates his star-throwing arm, with which enemies can be disposed of.

4 'C' BUTTONS

These four buttons manoeuvre the playing camera. It can be aimed in any direction to find easiest playing perspective.

'Z' BUTTON

Combined with the 'A' and 'B' buttons, this activates the zoom in and zoom out camera commands. It also displays your stats.

6 START BUTTON

Pauses the game.

7 D-PAD

Not as responsive as the analogue stick, because it doesn't work!

SHOULDER BUTTON

This activates a conversation between Starshot and one of the characters he encounters.

SHADOW SPEAKS

Starshot has been most eagerly expected at the T64 towers, but we had the feeling that it would never top *Banjo*, and we

were right. Don't get me wrong, Starshot is a great game, and if you have Mario and Banjo already and are looking for similar fun to fill the gap until the arrival of Twelve Tales

you won't go that far wrong with this. Starshot looks great, sounds great, and is full of humorous original challenges. The main problems I have are that it gets very hard very guickly, and it can be a little difficult to control at times, which gets hair-rippingly frustrating. Definitely one for hardened platform veterans.



Starshot appears to be stranded... and looking slightly worried, too! He'd better look out for that shark!

There rarely seems to be a moment

with, or an adversary to dispose of"

without a character to interact

and spades. Little touches and humorous moments like these make Starshot a pleasure to play. There is a fine balance of humour and complex riddle-solving. It isn't easy, but it doesn't frustrate you like some other games are prone to.

Whiter Shade of Pale

Utilising every ounce of the N64's technology, the graphics are quite simply astounding, ranging from water effects that would rival those in Banjo to the huge, beautifully defined environments that envelop our hero. But it isn't which planet you are on at that time. Starshot features an array of many a game of this description, Starshot is far from being a walkover. A lot of the puzzles

just the graphics that make Starshot a pleasure to play with, the game itself is as big as they come. Played over seven different worlds, each with their own particular theme, your missions vary depending upon wacky tasks to perform and brainaching problems to be solved. Unlike require strenuous brain activity

This is one of the many checkpoints in the game.



and, often, more than one action to complete a riddle.

There does seem to be one large hairy downfall to what, overall, is a smashing game. Controlling Starshot can be a real nightmare! With four





What a Carry On!

Like a scene out of a classic "Carry On" film, the 'Starshot and the tent' caper seems almost suited to one of the 1960s movie masterpieces. Our heroic juggler stumbles into the tent, there then follows a skirmish, a scream and slap. Our juggler can then be seen flying out of the tent... eee yaaah... Stop messin' abooouut!













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"The 3D engine, unique to Starshot, will allow more than fifteen characters onscreen at a single time and over 10,000 polygons to be shown concurrently"

buttons specifically assigned to commanding the camera, it is obvious they are going to be an important factor in your quest. There is a left and right rotation, an up and down viewing manoeuvre, and also zoom in and zoom out ability. Every area within Starshot's sight can be viewed in full, but with the angles changing frequently it all becomes tricky and often frustrating. With a little experience, though, this minor fault (arguably the only blemish on what is a good quality title) can be coped with, but not totally dismissed.

Overall, this is a quality piece of software that should not be ignored by fans of the genre. There is a good balance between fighting action and testing puzzles, and it is not overly easy. Longevity will be increased by the non-linear application and will give you many different variations in



your quest. The characters you will encounter, and there are over 300 of them, are all individually designed, have their own personality and will often make for some very humorous gaming moments. The 3D engine, unique to Starshot, will allow more than fifteen characters onscreen at a single time and over 10,000 polygons to be shown concurrently. This greatly adds to the experience, giving you so much to see and do in small areas, and helping the gamespeed to remain at a steady pace without slowing. Storvline interludes manage to retain the excitement and the overall player involvement, and the game's depth will ensure prolonged playing fun.

With the platform genre being so competitive on the N64, it's fair to say that Starshot is not the best that we've ever seen, but it does give a good account of itself. If a juggler in a colourful costume is your kind of personality, then this could be your lucky day. If not, then give it a go anyway... This ain't a bad game by any means. LEE



VERDICT

GRAPHICS

Gorgeous throughout the game, Well defined characters, colourful and beautifully drawn environments and smooth animation.



SOUND

There are some brilliant and weird sound effects



PLAYABILITY

Tricky at first, but it does eventually become very rewarding.



LASTABILITY

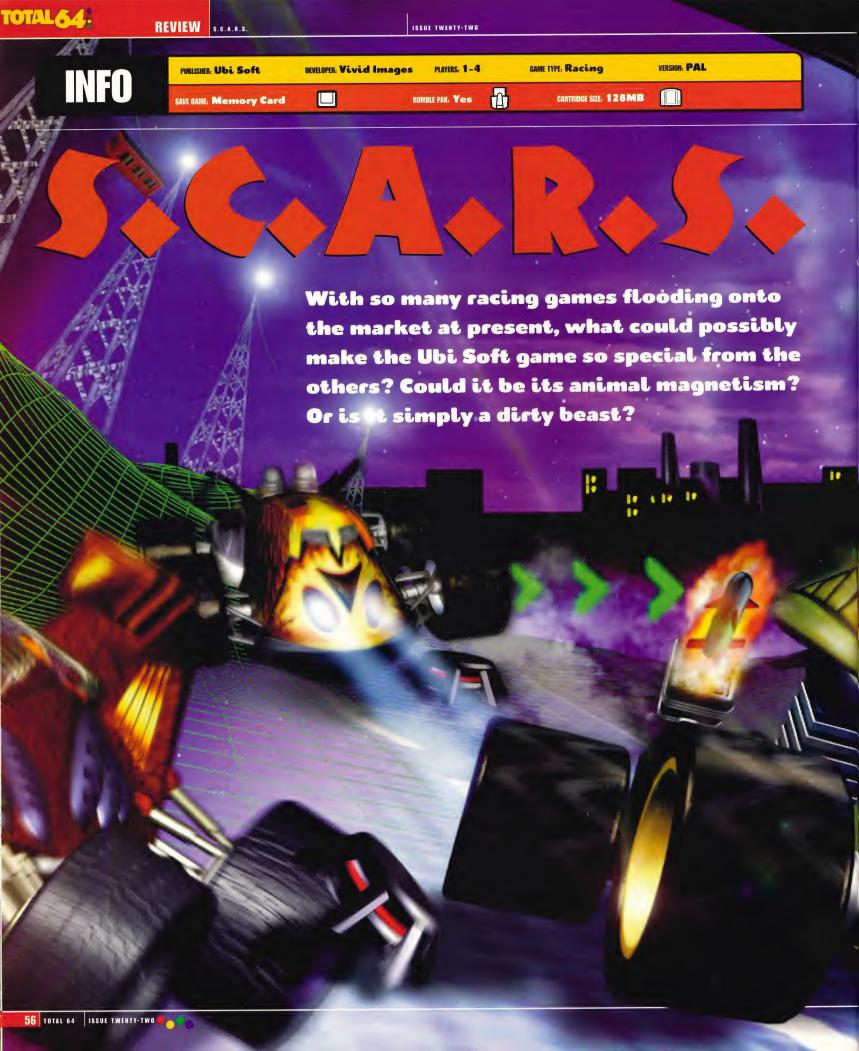
It isn't the biggest game you'll ever play, but good for a while.



OVERALL

By no means the greatest platform adventure on the Nintendo.

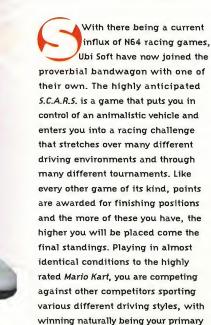






Ist Impressions

is clear enough to see straight from the off that this particular game has been designed specifically with four players in mind. While the graphics and sound are alright, they are nothing special. The multiplayer action is great fun!



As the genre has really picked up on the N64 in recent months, and with most of the games being of such a good quality, anything that fills the store shelves now has to offer the gamer something different, or an experience worthy of parting with their cash. S.C.A.R.S. doesn't play

objective. Races are competed over

laps, as opposed to stages, and unlike

many arcade racers there are no

'Checkpoint' requirements to falter

your progression.

outstandingly differently from most of the other titles that you could compare it to, but it does offer you the chance to play with, arguably, the most innovative of vehicle styles. With the title of the game being an acronym for 'Super Computer Animal Racing Simulators', it is no surprise to find that each of the racers is based on, and formed into the shape of, animals - funny that!

Where's Johnny Morris?

There are a selection of different cars (if you can actually call them that), each differing in design and road-handling capability. Wide wheels, oversized spoilers and some of the most outrageous chassis you'll ever see this side of ZZ Top combine to form the foundations of what the game is based upon. From a shark and a praying mantis to a lion and even a woolly mammoth, these truly are design genius. Fach seem to have been created by some nutty 'David Attenborough wannabe' professors in laboratories and decorated by the world's very finest graffiti artists. A melee of futuristic design inspiration and an ensemble of fluctuating colour.

You'll find that it isn't just the cosmetic differences that set each of the vehicles apart. They each have individual strengths and



CONTROL FREAK



Commonly known in the racing genre as the 'left and right stick, it does exactly what it savs on the tin. Steers the vehicle left or right.

'A' BUTTON

celerator button — faster pussycat

'B' BUTTON

Brake. Stoppa da car.

'C' BUTTONS

Many, many things. Rear view, weapon select, camera change,

you arsenal.

START BUTTON

Pause... Put the proceedings on ice.

D-PAD

Don't even bother with it!

'R' SHOULDER BUTTON

Jump. Allows your vehicle to speedily elevate for a short period of time.





Animal Magic!

ne to the S.C.A.R.S. showroom. These are the five vehicles you can immediately choose from. They're animals under the bonnet and animals on the bonnet



Lion: The mane car in the



Mammoth: Comes complete with a large trunk.



horn available.



Shark: You won't need a loan for this motor.



Mantis: No need for praying, this is safe!



SHADOW SPEAKS

I don't really agree with some of the things Baddass says about the game. The graphics are great, really concentrating on texture which is a recognised N64 shortcoming, and the music is pretty competent if nothing unbelievable. The game plays

> like an adult version of Mario Kart, and what it loses in playability it maybe makes up multiplayer mode itself is well worth shelling out for if you have loads of is mainly due to the "hot potato"! he developers should be

proud of what they have managed to achieve as a small independent company. S.C.A.R.S. is a great game, but it is the sad truth that Vivid Image cannot expect to compete with, for example, the biggest Psygnosis game of the year, Wipeout 64, although in my mind it is better than XG2. Give S.C.A.R.S. a whirl in your local game shop by all means!

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weaknesses common to most combat racers of this style. These are graded in speed, acceleration, armour and weapon handling. Although this doesn't appear to be noticeable at first, you will find yourself opting for a vehicle more accustomed to your driving style - or like me, the one that looks the coolest!

Unlike the excellent F1 Grand Prix, although the cars have individual racing capabilities, this is more an arcade racer than a simulation. This has resulted in the composition of

tracks that have been seemingly created to compliment the intricate natures of the vehicles themselves. The racing venues are all set amongst a post-apocalyptic backdrop of industrial dissipation and a bornagain, primitive Earth. They are all multi-route courses that cater heavily in graphical detail and welldefined scenery. This apart, they are not the most demanding of tracks you'll ever frequent, but it does save you from experiencing the frustrating, uncontrollable wall-bouncing effects (notably in Extreme-G 2), where driving skill seems to have been mislaid. They are all have plenty of width and there is enough space to race eight vehicles comfortably without the experience feeling cramped and unplayable.

Who's Terry Nutkins?

Like many games of the genre, there are various race mode options for you to dabble with. There are time trial (self explanatory) and championship options in single player mode. The





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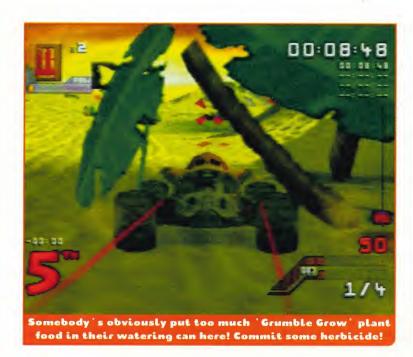














championship competition is broken into several different cup tournaments which, in turn, is again divided into four races. If you are victorious in one cup you progress to the next, and so on. There is an added incentive with this procedure, that being the availability of new vehicles for you to play with. The default availability is only five, but as you progress, there are a further four that you can attain.

The most fun is really to had in multiplayer mode. Up to four players can compete at the same time using the common quartered-screen set up. This is one of those rare games in today's current climate that doesn't seem to slow when the

screen is busy. With this comes all of the fun we expected to find when the N64 was first launched with the four joystick ports. It may not be as fast as Wipeout, but it runs at a fairly competitive speed and there are the outrageous weapons for you to pick up as well. The armaments that are provided are what makes S.C.A.R.S. such a compelling experience, from vehicle-slowing 'giant magnets' to the traditional destructive methods of missile launchers and guns. Apart from weaponry, speed-enhancing devices, such as 'turbo boosters' can also be obtained to make for some close racing action. The four player

game is undoubtedly the thing that the designers had in mind when the game was in its embryonic stage, and it seems to have developed into a fully fledged entertainment haven.

Overall, S.C.A.R.S. isn't such a bad game. For those of you who are friendless and would have to make do with the single player option, there are probably other titles suited more to your needs. However, if you have a ferry full of mates, and you like playing with them, then this will beat 'pass the parcel' every time. If you are a fan of the genre, it'll definitely be well worth your while checking this one out. Lill

VERDICT

GRAPHICS

Well textured and extremely bright and detailed. A hint of redraw is visible, but the game still runs smoothly



SOUND

Some of it sounds a bit like Snap, but the music is fairly competent dancy stuff that suits the game well.



PLAYABILITY

In single player mode it's lots of fun. The multiplayer action is where S.C.A.R.S. excels brilliantl



LASTABILITY

It may be short-lived in the single player mode, but will last for a millennium with the four player action.



OVERALL

Overshadowed by Mario Kart and Wipeout 64 but still an entertaining racing game that you would be well advised to at least try out.



"They each have individual strengths and weaknesses common to most combat racers of this style. These are graded in speed, acceleration, armour and weapons."









PUBLISHER: EA Sports

DEVELOPER: In-house

PLAYERS. 1-4

GAME TYPE: Sports Sim

VERSION: PAL

SAVE GAME: Memory Card

s far as sports software

goes, ice hockey has

of the silicon chip. From the early

renditions of the sport that graced

the now dated Atari machines to the

heavily undated and vastly improved

versions of the late nineties, the

sport will always have a following

littered home computers

and consoles since the dawn

BUMBLE PAK: Yes

CARTRIDGE SIZE: 96MB



If fat padding and razor-sharp ice skates be the food of love, then let us all feed at a banquet of the rough and ready world of stickwiggling and organ playing. Ice hockey is the name of the game.





ANALOGUE STICK

Guides your ice hockey chaps around the ice and also chooses the angle at which your shots are fired at.

'A' BUTTON

Shoots the puck or roughs up the opposition with a harsh tackling move. Essential.

'B' BUTTON

Selects the nearest player to the puck, and for passing.

"C" BUTTONS

Speed burst, fast skating, rapid rink action, and offence and defence tactics.

'Z' BUTTON

Spins the player before unleashing a powerful puck drive.

START BUTTON

Pauses the game.

7 D-PAD

Exactly the same as the analogue stick, but seems sluggish.

SHOULDER BUTTON

It's a surprise!!!

and consequently be a player in the software stakes. So what is it that makes this sport so special? Could it be the high velocity action that sees defence turn to attack in a matter of seconds, or the anticipation of a full scale punch-up occurring?

Whatever it is, the Americans love it, the Canadians are good at it and the developers are always producing it. We might as well face it, whether we're fans of the sport or not, we are stuck with it.

EA Sports have gained a reputation for providing quality sporting titles over the years, and it is the same team who are responsible for this latest venture into the realm. NHL '99 gives everything you would want from a game of this sort from large, overpadded athletes and a hard jcy floor to an ageing tone-deaf organ grinder with a distinct lack of proper timing. Graphically speaking, it is as good as

one would expect from an ice hockey game. Musically though, it is limited. However, everything is wrapped up and presented with the usual EA finesse... so there's nothing much wrong here then!

Pads Win Prizes

As is the case with every authentic snorts simulation to come out of this particular house, there are a multitude of 'real' players and different tournaments for you to wrestle with. Exhibition matches. full season and playoffs are just some of the competitions you can indulge in, and there is even a

"It may only appeal to a limited N64 audience, certainly fans of the sport itself, but it is by no means a disappointment to the genre."



players stand face-to-face and wiggle their sticks at each other.









lst Impressions

Just like any other ice hockey game. The puck is difficult to see, you don't seem to have much control over what happens and players keep falling over without the aid of copious quantities of alcohol — well, one assumes so as they are pro sportsmen. It seems like a lot of fun, though.



Such is the quality of the software that the most famous of British sporting personalities, Bradley Billington, has been included as well.

penalty shoot-out competition for those of you with a greater hunger for goals. There is a selection of both international and domestic American teams, each of which are individually rated to match the correct standard of their actual real-life counterparts.

The game plays reasonably well. The realism of the skaters on the ice is excellent, with them moving around the rink at great speed, twisting and turning in a manner one would expect them to. Scoring can be difficult and frustrating at first, but with some prolonged play and a little perseverance it will become more familiar to you and a lot easier to execute.

One of the main problems that the genre has encountered throughout its history has been following the play. With the puck being such a minuscule object, it has often become hidden from the eye and has subsequently ruined the playing experience. NHL '99, however, has combated the problem by implementing a camera that solely follows it around the ice. There is now no question of you losing the direction of the action or skating away from the area of play.

As well as the normal on-ice events you would expect to find in a sport such as this, the likes of slap shots, cross checking and tripping, the EA team have also included a one-on-one 'fisty cuffs' scenario for when two hot-headed players become too heated. The action switches to the players involved and a fight ensues. You



have to jab your buttons to jab your opponent until one of you succumbs and falls to the floor this seems to have no relevance on the game itself and doesn't aid your cause in any way as both players are immediately ordered to the 'sin bin' as a result of their actions... Still, a punch-up is a good test of your fighting ability, demonstrates testosterone and is a welcome break from the legal bounds of the sport.

Overall, NHL '99 is a superior ice hockey game to many that have gone before. It may only appeal to a limited N64 audience, certainly fans of the sport itself, but it is by no means a disappointment to the genre. Any anoraks of the sport out there will adore the authenticity and the wealth of statistics and figures it has to offer, and in four player mode it can provide exactly the kind of enjoyment a group of mates seek after they roll in off the streets at 11.30pm. Not a bad game at all, but at the end of the day it is only ice hockey. LEE

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VERDICT

GRAPHICS

Reasonably good, and serve their purpose well. The N64 is capable of better, though,



SOUND

Ice hockey software has never been renowned for musical excellence. but the commentary is both informative and witty at times



PLAYABILITY

By far the most playable ice hockey game and equally as good in multiplayer as it is in single player mode.



LASTABILITY

Will probably only appeal to ice hockey fans for any lengthy period of time. Again, the multiplayer action may keep you interested for a while.



OVERALL

Not at all a bad piece of software, but overall, of sport and ice hockey in particular.



"Exhibition matches, full season and playoffs are some of the competitions you can indulge in, and

more suited to followers



Wiggle it. Just a Little Bit!

There isn't a lot you can do to show your elation on a slippery ice rink without falling on your rear and ruining the moment. So the safest way to unload your enjoyment is to skate around in circles and join your team mates in some frivolous stick wiggling. (Q. What's brown and sticky? A. A stick.)





there is even a penalty shoot-out competition"









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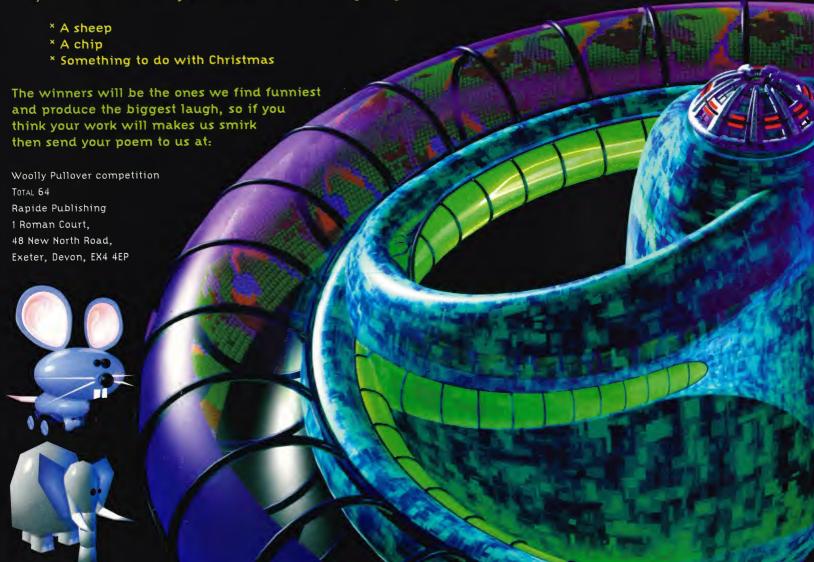
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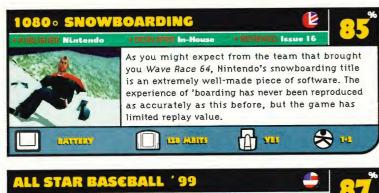
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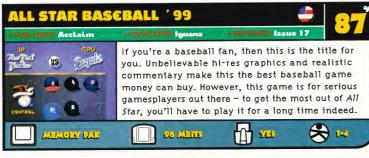


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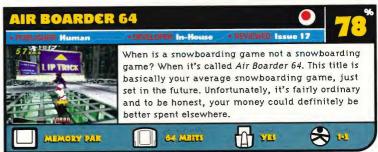
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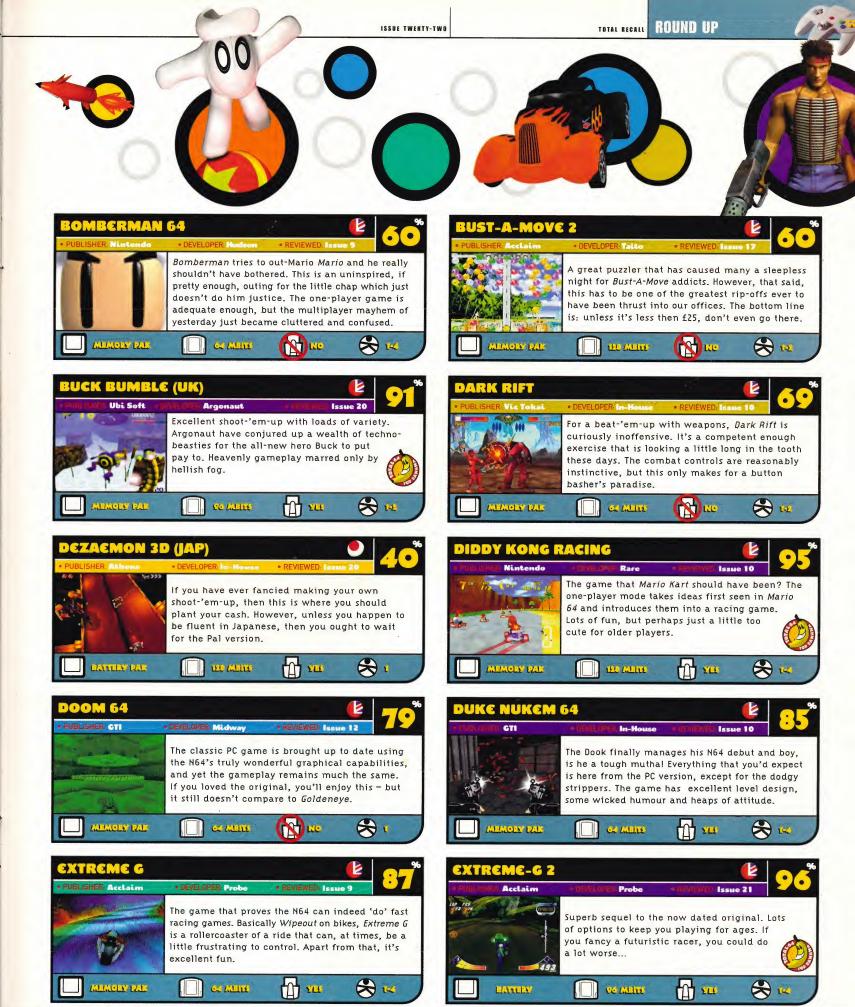












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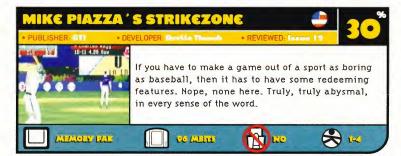




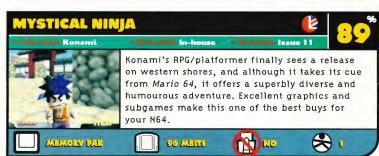




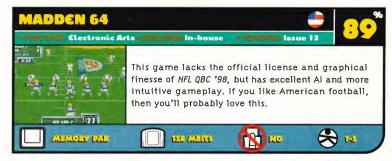












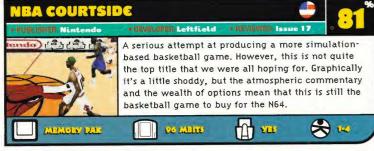












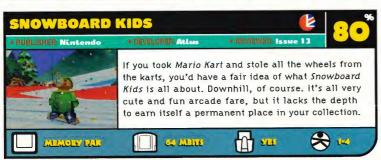
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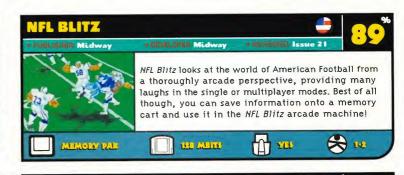








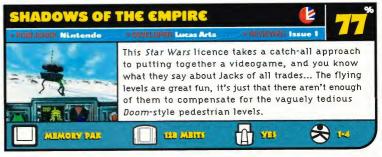
























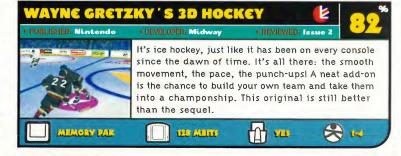


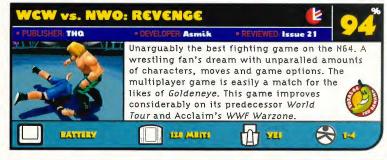




















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AERO GAUGE	ASCII	LOCOMOTIVE	LOSER'S VERSION OF WIPEOUT 64.	OUT NOW 😉	58	ISSUE 14
AEROFIGHTERS ASSAULT	VIDEO SYSTEMS	PARADIGM	NOT PILOTWINGS WITH WEAPONS. VERY POOR.	OUT NOW 5	42	ISSUE 11
ART OF FIGHTING TWIN	CULTURE BRAIN	IN-HOUSE	SOLID BEAT-'EM-UP THAT IS ONLY AVAILABLE ON IMPORT.	OUT NOW 9	89	ISSUE 14
AUTOMOBILI LAMBORGHINI	NINTENDO	TITUS	SUB-STANDARD RACER, HARDLY GRAN TURISMO.	OUT NOW 6	72	ISSUE 11
CHAMELEON TWIST	OCEAN	SUNSOFT	ORIGINAL IDEAS LET DOWN BY BAD IMPLEMENTATION.	OUT NOW 6	51	ISSUE 11
CRUIS'N USA	NINTENDO	MIDWAY	GOOD, IF YOU ARE INTO <i>OUTRUN</i> , CIRCA 1989.	OUT NOW 😉	59	ISSUE 1
DORAEMON	NINTENDO	EPOCH	QUIRKY PLATFORMER THAT FALLS FAR SHORT OF MARIO.	OUT NOW 9	69	ISSUE 3
DUEL HEROES	HUDSON	IN-HOUSE	DUEL HEROES IS DIRE, PLAIN AND SIMPLE.	OUT NOW 9	52	ISSUE 14
DYNAMITE SOCCER	IMAGINEER	IN-HOUSE	YOU'D BE GUTTED IF THIS ONE FELL OUT OF A CRACKER.	OUT NOW 9	25	ISSUE 9
FAMISTAR 64	NAMCO	IN-HOUSE	DECENT JAPANESE SUPER-DEFORMED BASEBALL ACTION.	OUT NOW 9	78	ISSUE 11
FIFA 64	EA	IN-HOUSE	SUPERCEEDED BY ITS FOLLOW-UP, WHICH IS	OUT NOW (58	ISSUE 3
FIRE ELECTRIC PEN	HUDSON	IN-HOUSE	FOR THE LOVE OF GOD, JUST DON'T GO THERE	OUT NOW 🦭	30	ISSUE 16
G.A.S.P.	конамі	IN-HOUSE	DISAPPOINTING BEAT-'EM-UP. NOT THE HOLY GRAIL.	OUT NOW 9	62	ISSUE 16
HEXEN 64	iD/GTI	S.CREATIONS	DISAPPOINTING, UNORIGINAL, AND FRANKLY BLAND.	OUT NOW 😉	63	ISSUE 6
HUMAN GRAND PRIX	HUMAN ENT.	IN-HOUSE	NOT AS GOOD AS F1 POLE POSITION.	OUT NOW 9	72	ISSUE 3
J-LEAGUE STRIKER	конамі	IN-HOUSE	GREAT IMPORT FOOTIE GAME, BUT BUY 155 '98 INSTEAD.	OUT NOW 9	93	ISSUE 1
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RAMPAGE WORLD TOUR	MIDWAY	SAPPHIRE	EIGHTIES BUILDING DESTROYING BOREATHON. AVOID.	OUT NOW 5	32	ISSUE 17
ROBOTRON 64	GTI	MIDWAY	ISN'T RETRO GREAT? ER NO. NOT IN THE SLIGHTEST.	OUT NOW (5	54	ISSUE 15
SAN FRANCISCO RUSH	GTI	MIDWAY	COME ON, EVEN CRUIS'N USA IS BETTER THAN THIS!	OUT NOW (57	ISSUE 11
ST ANDREWS GOLF	SETA	SETA	MORE BORING THAN WATCHING GOLF ON TELLY	OUT NOW 9	42	ISSUE 1
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US MASTERS	T&C SOFT	IN-HOUSE	AVERAGE BEAT-'EM-UP OVERSHADOWED BY MK4.	OUT NOW •	28	ISSUE 16
WAR GODS	GTI	MIDWAY	YES, ITS ANOTHER DISAPPOINTING N64 BEAT'-EM-UP.	OUT NOW 6	69	ISSUE 10
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Instead, use the two purple platforms to reach a higher level, then hit a series of rotating magnet bases to send your mobile platform careering across the chamber. The third magnetic pole is right by a Remote.

3) CHARGE THE A.C.T. STEPS

Another room that requires you to jump across from one green platform to another before you lose your 'powered up' green shield. As usual, the Remote is hidden up at the top.

HIDDEN SILVER REMOTE

Before the dark tunnel filled with twisting platforms and purple balls is a horseshoe-shaped tunnel with two robot walkers. Power yourself up, then run around the corner and leap up, turning back on yourself to sucker to a yellow tiled wall. Follow this up over the ceiling to find the Silver Remote.

HIDDEN GOODIES

In the dark tunnel area where you leap up over oncoming purple balls, turn at the far end and come back along another path to get a hit paw. Use the ceiling tiles to uncover several hidden power-ups.

PRENISTORY CHARNEL: THIS OLD CAVE





If it looks like snow on the walls, it means you can cling to them. When you meet one of Gex's prehistoric ancestors, be wary of his spiky tail. Even when he's knocked down for the count, his spiny tail will spring up to stab you - tailwhip it to finish it off.

WATCH FOR THE FALLING LAVA

From the second flower, jump left across the lava and prepare to get your suckers sticky. Be very careful along the walls as lava will well up above you and drop on your head, sometimes unseen - so be ready to dodge. Cross the spindly bridge to collect a Remote.

DODGE THE STEAM VENTS

After the second pair of flowers, jump up onto the rock over the arch to hit a checked checkpoint TV. Next, drop back down and continue through the archway. Ride the platforms lifted by steam vents and then go down the tunnel to get the Red Remote.







BOUNCE UP THE FLOWERS

your friends, so when you come across one, just go over and bounce on it! Be careful to dodge the lava drops from the ceiling when you're suckered to the walls. When you see an arc of collectibles that

The flowers are

seems to be just trailing off into darkness, it's actually a jump you can make - over on the far side there will be a landing point. This trail culminates in a stack of these big prehistoric flowers, which you should use to bounce onwards and upwards to a Red Remote.







HIDDEN SILVER REMOTE

En route to the steam vents Remote, ascend the platforms on steam vents as before but pause up near the top of a chamber to circle the top (you'll be able to go along a line of normal platforms around its circumference) and collect the Silver Remote that's waiting for you there.

HIDDEN GOODIES

Bouncing up and away from the first trampoline flower, it is possible to land on the ledge to the right and then collect a Blue Ice Fly power-up. Go under the arch with the checkpoint up on the top until you reach the first of the steam vent platforms - behind you will be a Green Health Fly TV.





REZOPOLIS: NO WEDDINGS AND A FUNERAL



When a surface looks like TV static, it'll harm you if you're daft enough to touch it. Floating flathead baddies need tail bouncing to bump off. Get the hang of manipulating floating speakers – as you jump off one, the rotating one will stop moving; repeat this process to traverse a room.

PENETRATE REZ'S INNER SANCTUM

Use the floating speaker cones to get across the first sunken area. Once in the dance hall, look in the mirrored wall to see which lightbox to jump on – if it's green in the mirror, that's the one to jump on next. In the next room, jump on both buttons of the giant TV remote control to raise it near the higher level. From here, use the floating platforms to cross the room, then sucker up to the walls, pausing to allow the wind driven snow to clear. Next there's another light puzzle, similar to the last one. In the next room, turn the cog to raise the speaker to form a bridge across the static – use the same trick later. There's a checkpoint waiting for you just through the next exit hatch.

Cross the next static-filled chamber by walking around the raised portions of the submerged platforms as they come clear of the pool. When you've dismissed the next squeaky toy, you'll come across some broad conveyor belts which are very short – clear them by bounding across them towards the wall, making up for any lost ground. Before you even know it, you'll be in the inner chapel of Rez. Just stroll up to the Remote, as it's there for the taking.



HIDDEN SILVER REMOTE

Use the two floating speakers in the TV Remote room to get to the right of the room, where the Silver Remote is stashed away

HIDDEN GOODIES

in an alcove.

In the TV remote room, use the two floating speakers to get the extra life on the far side of the room.











KUNG-FU THEATRE: SAMURAI NIGHT FEVER

This world unfolds mission by mission. Try to do everything that you can in pursuit of each Remote, as you may be glad that you did later on. The huge jumps need a good run up and a last minute stab of the jump button. On the swinging platforms, remember that jumping early avoids disappointment.

NAVIGATE THE GREAT SPINNER

Turn around and head over the bridge; you'll need to run under the raised end of a giant styling brush. Left around the corner from the 'subtitles sold here' sign are some golden wall tiles to stick to. At the top, go left to hit a gong that opens the doors you just passed. On the other side is a hell of a jump for which you will need a run up - and this technique is the same for the ensuing jumps. Just after this is a spinning four armed contraption - scale it by use of the see-saw to one side, which brings you to the top and the Red Remote. Before you get it, hit that first gong to open a door which will be much needed early on in another mission.

RIDE THE VINGING PLATFORM

Go behind the building in front of you and then down the golden tiles to find a gong, which opens the doors to the right of the house. Through here, you need to head across the raising green platforms, then onto the rotating paddles. You need to be on









the correct arm of the paddle if you want to make the penultimate jump, otherwise the timing just won't work. Once over the arch, dodge across the enormous axes and then over a swinging platform. Jump onto it, as it is only just over halfway through its arc towards you; this should see you landing squarely in its centre.

On the next roof, you'll need to repeat this trick to the right. When you combat the second robosamurai, hit the gong to lower a trap door - and reveal the swinging platform's Red Remote. Before you grab it, hit the gong in here, which will open a door back on the first platform that you need to open for one of the other Remotes.

VERING TEMPLE

Having completed the first two Remotes, if you hit the last gongs, the door to your right should be open. If not, there's one job for you straight away. With that done, dodge the axes and time your swinging platform jumps very carefully indeed. In the temple itself, your flying kick comes in handy more often than you'd think, helping you to clear wide distances - especially the first leap and the one over to a moving platform over lava. Once on the roof, don't get caught out by the two flame heads or the red ninja that's guarding the









TV - if you only have one hit paw left, he could rob you of victory!

HIDDEN SILVER REMOTE

Take the route to the great spinner, but stop off by the pagoda that has the Purple Life Fly TV on top. Over in the far corner, diagonally across from the gong, with the pagoda on your right, jump up on the wall and peek downwards over the edge. Below you, to your right, you should see some golden tiles. Walk off the wall and push towards these tiles as you fall. You can now sucker around into an alcove which contains the Silver Remote and then use the teleport to get back up to the pagoda level.



Smash open the door just under the 'subtitles sold here' sign to gain some collectibles. Just after this, there's a gong - hit it, then peg it over to the raised grey block and tail bounce up onto the pagoda for an extra life. Just after the first power long jump, try a tailwhip on the different coloured patch by the flag to open the floor for some hidden collectibles.





ROCKET CHANNEL: PAIN IN THE ASTEROIDS





This world offers you yet another way to collect air pockets, which is to tailwhip the manta rays, as they'll leave an air bubble behind after impact. The menacing Artoo droids cannot shoot you when you're inside an air booth. Speaking of air, it pays to listen - the sound of Gex's breathing in his respirator is a guide to his remaining oxygen. The on-screen bar is divided into three sections and each one has a higher pitch, the less breathing time he has left.



From the first air booth, hit the switch to build a bridge, then climb up on the floating islands. Jump the gap across the halved bridge and hop between the purple platforms before they fall from underneath you. Fill up with air, then follow the walkway around to the far side and descend in the lift. Now hit the switch on the lowest island for a bridge - you can jump over the flame jets. The three moving bridges can be taken at any time. Hitting another switch moves your earlier bridge around to span the gap between platforms - at the top is the arched asteroid.











Go over to the plate metal on the right and sucker your way under the rock, to jump onto a transport satellite. At its destination, jump quickly from platform to platform until you reach another satellite, which will take you to the Red Remote.

RIDE THE WARP TUBE

Follow the above route until you reach the descending lift but instead of using it, sucker to the tower and go upwards. Jump on the central block which is a lift and at the top, take the left satellite. The rest of the route is straightforward but demanding. You need to make a lot of precision jumps on the rotating and sliding platforms. Don't lose your cool - a level head and a steady hand should see you through to the end.

DESTROY FIVE CRYSTAL POWER CELLS

The power cells look like miniature purple pyramids on tripods. Here's where they all are: 1: Up on the platform that's to the right of the one





which you alight after the elevator has descended (use the satellite that's beside the cell to come back up). 2: Over to the right of the descending lift, perched on a small balcony on the outer skin of the tower. 3 & 4: Head up through the purple membrane to the secret area that's at the top of the first tower. 5: Come back through the membrane and take a

satellite to the right. Above the next air booth is another cell. The arm on this route now straightens out. Take it and jump swiftly across the purple platforms to reach the last Red Remote in this world.

HIDDEN SILVER REMOTE

After the sequence of purple platforms that fall away underneath you, climb the tower and then jump through a purple membrane over a tunnel, behind a lightsabre-wielding grey alien. You'll find the Silver Remote on the surface here.

HIDDEN GOODIES

On the first island, hit the switch to form the bridge, then hit it again and get onto the first

section. This will carry you down to an ice bug TV. Just hit the switch down here to reform the bridge. Before the halving bridge is a Green Health Fly.







BOSS TV-S

GILLIGEX ISLE



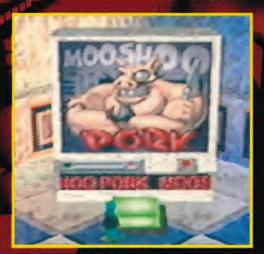
From the far side of a boiling pan, they'll hurl three orbs at a time at your fetching safari suit. You have to avoid the red orbs and tailwhip the blue ones to attack the brothers. When the red orbs impact, they start a wall of fire from either side, which you need



to leap over. To hit a brother in the middle, stand in the middle of your side, to hit the one on the left, stand to the right side and if he's on the right... yep, stand to the left. You need to stand in the correct space to return their shots across the circle



and make contact with the brothers. Successfully completing this level will give you your first Gold Remote and open the silver gates, through which are four TVs (three of which are selectable) and two more doors.



At the far end of the room is a switch that Mooshoo guards. When he throws it, lines of electricity span the walkways, moving towards either end. This is bad, as it means you can't stand on the central machine. For the first few passes, stand on the grates to either side - later on, these disappear to reveal acid pits and you'll have to jump the electricity. When Mooshoo leaves the switch to chase you, get around there and tailwhip it to electrocute him. If he seems

reluctant to move,

MOOSHOO PORK



bait him by moving closer, then running away as he lumbers after you. Mooshoo shouldn't prove too much of a test once you've grasped the principle. Defeating the half pig/half cow man that is Mooshoo grants you access to beyond the red gates...



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GEXZILLA VS. MECHAREZ

It's tailwhip-tastic! Hit him hard, make him mean... As you rain hits on Mecharez, always keep circling around him to avoid being electrified by his defences. Mecharez will take flight and pitch in atop the city skyscrapers. From here, he will attack you with his sonic rings. Don't waste any time - run up to the offending block and quickly bring it down with your tail, sending Mecharez crashing to the floor. As he takes off, with red jets alight, you can still reach him to land an extra hit if you

move guickly enough: As his damage increases, Mecharez gets crosser and more aggressive. His attacks will become quicker and more deadly. Stay up close to him - if you allow him too much distance, he will either zap you with his laser or charge you head on. Keep behind him you, so that as he tries to unleash his sonic attack, he has to turn to hit you. This will give you enough warning to get out of the way. Destroy other buildings to reveal green health bugs - which you will need!











CHANNEL Z

DEFEAT REZ IN THE FINAL BATTLE

Ride the platform to the top of the first tower, tailwhip the Green Health Fly TV - BUT JUST DON'T SWALLOW THE BUG! - and jump into the green cone of light to be materialised in Rez's home turf; time to kick some shiny, spiky mechanoid buttl Well, you could if he had one, anyway.

The green bug will come in through the teleport bug will absorb any damage. Rez will now fly head-on towards you, so jump out of his way and jump again to tailwhip him before he can get his bearings again; he'll be stunned by banging his head against the wall. As a result of your hit, he will then be sent spinning into the central column of electricity.



When he comes after you again, it will be with a salvo of missiles. Keep on the move, zigzagging from left to right. If a missile looks like it's too close for comfort, jump to get out of the way. If you hit Rez like this three times, he will then expand to nearly fill his chamber. Keep running around the perimeter of the chamber to avoid his palms slamming down.

When his arm sweeps around the room, you need to jump over it. When the direction of the



sweep is counter to the way you're moving, keep running, when it is the same, pause and jump to allow his arm to sweep underneath you. When he unleashes his laser goggles, simply jumping whilst running should be enough to avoid damage.

The best way to attack Rez is to spot the green column of light and quickly place yourself on it in a provocative manner. Your sheer outlandish reptilian cheek will thus enrage Rez into slamming the post with the palm of his hand, thus causing









a great big widescreen TV to drop on his head. Make sure that you've hopped off your perch BEFORE his fist slams into it, or the results could be messy...

You need to do this a total of three times before Rez is banished to the land of televisual oblivion that you could call El Dorado. Before he is banished, though, Rez has a rather startling revelation to reveal to young Gex...





BONUS LEVELS

AZTEC 2 STEP

This is your reward for collecting six of the Red Remotes. Dressed up as Indiana Jones, you'll be given a set number of items to collect in a certain time limit. The first room is straightforward enough, but jumping on a raised block marked with concentric

rings will open a passage to a second room. More switches in here open alcoves in the wall where the other objects are hidden. Succeed and you'll receive an extra life and the opportunity to find a Golden Remote.



Second floor - far right

Third floor - far left

Fourth floor - up stairs

Fifth floor - middle of three on right

Sixth floor - double doors on right

Seventh floor - left to emerge right, then the

middle door

Eighth floor - to the right of entrance

Ninth floor - left door

There are also odd power-ups hidden behind some doors. Now once you've collected all the

skulls and received an extra life, you'll need

to find the Remote. It's behind one of the top row of is handy, as that's where you are now, right? Good!



THURSDAY THE 12TH

The objective is to collect 50 skulls in three minutes. The secret is to get every skull ON THE WAY UP. To do this, you need to plan your route very carefully. Here's a list of the ascending



doorways, but don't miss out on any skulls on the way up:

Ground floor - one door in from left First floor - far right



IN DRAG NET

Here you have to find 50 police badges in three minutes. Time to get systematic! Clear the ground first - not forgetting the badge on the ledge above the grit box - then jump up onto the raising fire escape in front and to the left of where you arrived. From the top level, catch a death slide - | suggest using the one that crosses the street - but either way, you'll have to come back to do the other one. Go down through these levels and

jump across to two balconies. Now come around the subway track at the end and descend through the fire exits here. Take the death slide from



the top of the first balcony again to clear up. The train that you'll need to catch is back up here, too.



THE SPY WHO LOVED HIMSELF

You have to collect 35 briefcases here in three minutes. To start off, tailwhip the two computer banks on either side of you for four hidden briefcases, before traversing all of the conveyor belts that raise you up through the level. When you run out of

conveyor belts, cling to the wall, being careful to avoid all the passing lasers as you do. The direction will turn into the screen as you clear the lip of a tunnel and here you need to stay on a narrow, lengthy conveyor belt. Sharks are patrolling here,

which you'd be best off avoiding! You should have collected enough briefcases by the time you start across to the other side to collect the Remote. This is located over on the far side of this chamber. so you will have to cross over the remaining platforms.







LIZARD IN A CHINA SHOP



You have to find 31 Chinese take-away cartons in three minutes. There's never enough take-away to

go around, so don't miss any collectibles - when you're on this level, there's no going back!

Use the early powerjump to clear the narrow roof over the river and the far bank, before hopping on a passing junk. Be careful not to fall in the water. Jump off left after the tunnel and get up onto the pagoda roof.

The best technique for clearing the spinning plates is to jump off again as soon as you land, so that you don't get turned around. A deathslide and two floating platforms will lead you back to another junk. You need to jump clear of this one before it sinks. The floating platforms bob alarmingly but you won't be drowned here. The deathslide will take you to another two spinning plates and







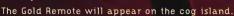
BUGGED OUT

Your task will be to collect 70 radiation symbols in two minutes. You won't see any just lying about, you have to create them by tailwhipping bugs.

First, jump on the cog in the central area several times - this releases some spiders from the TVs in the walls. Get a good lot out into the

room and then jump up to the rear area and start Gex a-tailwhippin'! If you've released enough spiders, you should be able to hit an enemy with nearly every spin and each one releases multiple collectibles. A good tactic here is to ambush them as they scurry back to the two TVs in the

rear corners, once you've jumped off the cog island. Just wait over by one screen and then pick them all off as they return.









Collect 50 batteries in three minutes. There are plenty of batteries to spare but time is tight. It's easier to collect



the two batteries on the powerjumps when you're not powered up and can just run up to them. The same holds true in the upper chamber, filled with four jump squares.

When you've cleared the floor, run out to the corridor, get some juice and sucker onto the walls at the top of a jump in the chamber. There's a host of batteries on the walls. You'll find two entrances above one another - go into the lower one, clear

CHIPS AND DIPS



the floor, then get back on the wall and head up to the second. Drop carefully onto the ledge and hop over to the balcony and use the powerjump at the far end.

When you find yourself at the top of a tall room, drop down, one ledge at a time to collect more batteries. Down at the bottom there are two green spheres which will enable you to climb up the tower. The next shaft needs precision powerjumping, with no room for error! At the top of these



jumps, activate the platform, then sprint around the ledge to get the

with little time to spare.



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Go into the options menu, select "Backup Delete", then answer "yes". If this is repeated another twelve times (i.e. so you have then done it thirteen times in all), you will have access to the mirrored tracks. These will disappear after you have turned your console off.

It would be better to do this when the championship is on a 24-lap setting, as this way the mirrored tracks are remembered.









The cheats we were given for Mission: Impossible in a previous issue were for the NTSC version. After much harassment, Infogrames have at last given us all of the cheats for the PAL version!

These cheats need to inputted on the level select screen. If you are experiencing problems, turn your in-game music off, go back to the level select screen and try again. If you have done it correctly, you should hear him saying "that's better".

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Add silencer gun:	C-up, L, C-right, C-left, C-down
Add Uzzi:C-rigi	nt, C-left, C-right, C-down, C-down
Rocket launcher:	C-up, L, C-left, C-right, C-down
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Big Head (Parkinson):	C-down, R, C-up, R, C-left















THE CHEAT ZONE CHEATS

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HIDDEN PLAYERS

Select the "Enter Name For Record Keeping" option and enter one of the following player names and PIN numbers. The phrase "Lights out, baby" will be spoken to confirm correct code entry.

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MARKA	1112	
MIKE	3333	Mike Lynch
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MONTY	1836	
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PAULO		
RAIDEN		Raiden from MK
ROG	8148	
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SAL		
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TODD	1122	
TURMEL	0322	Mark Turmell

VAN	 .1234
ZZ	 .1221

CHEAT MODE:



Press Turbo (default is Z), Jump (default is B), and Pass (default is A) to change the icons below the helmets on the versus screen. The numbers in the following list indicate the number of times each button is pressed. After the icons have been changed, press the D-pad or Analog-stick in the indicated direction to enable the code. The name of the code and a sound will confirm correct code entry. Example, to enter 1-2-3 Left, press Turbo, Jump(2), Pass(3), Left.

EFFECTCODE

Super field goals	1-2-3 Left
Allow stepping OB	2-1-1 Left
Power-up blockers	3-1-2 Left
Fast passes	2-5-0 Left
Turn off stadium	5-0-0 Left
Late hits	0-1-0 Up
Huge head	0-4-0 Up
No first downs	2-1-0 Up
No interceptions	3-4-4 Up
No punting	1-5-1 Up
Infinite turbo	5-1-4 Up
Super blitzing	0-4-5 Up
Power-up teammates	2-3-3 Up
Power-up defense	4-2-1 Up
Fog on	0-3-0 Down
Thick fog on	0-4-1 Down
Show field goal %	0-0-1 Down
No random fumbles	4-2-3 Down
Hide receiver name	1-0-2 Right
Big football	0-5-0 Right
Team tiny players	3-1-0 Right
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Power-up speed(1)	4-0-4 Left
Tournament mode(2)	1-1-1 Down
Smart CPU opponent(3)	3-1-4 Down
No head	3-2-1 Left
Weather: clear	2-1-2 Left
Weather: snow	5-2-5 Down
Weather: rain	5-5-5 Right
Power-up offense	3-1-2 Up
Invisible receiver highlight	3-3-3 Left
Headless team	1-2-3 Right
Night game	2-2-2 Right
Fast turbo running	0-3-2 Left
Invisible	4-3-3 Up
Hyper blitz	5-5-5 Up

- 1. Two player agreement required.
- 2. Only in two player game.
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Enter SPEEDY as a code.

EA BLADES AND EA STORM TEAMS:

Enter FREEEA as a code.











F-ZERO X

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Beamlaser 8814e768 0001

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DEAR TOTAL 64



Dear TOTAL 64.

s you have probably guessed from your many letters, your magazine is tops! I live in New Zealand and we hardly ever get any good magazines. If we do, they are always outdated by months. But I always grab yours. My favourite magazine is ... TOTAL 64.

I was one of the first people in New Zealand to own an N64, I bought Mario 64 with it! Later on I bought Goldeneye and I absolutely love it. My mates and I have frequent Goldeneye conventions where we get to shoot the living hell out of each other.

1) Since Dreamcast (which is a monster) is going to be released soon, and the PSX have their new machine, don't you think that Nintendo should alter the DD a bit or at least work on something else? 2) Will there be a Blastcorps 2? 3) Is Mission: Impossible a good buy? 4) Will there ever be an RPG game on the holy Nintendo that will rival

series? Or any other RPG game? Till my next letter. Keep up the good work. I luv English mags! The humour is side-splitting!!

Final Fantasy VII? Or at least the FF

Jaaved Khatree

THE TRUTH

1) Not really, the Expansion Pak should be all the peripheral you need for the time being - check out Turok 2, it is utterly staggering!

2) No definite plans, although I would imagine that Rare have more than enough on their plate what with Twelve Tales, Jet Force Gemini and Perfect Dark in the pipeline...

3) Depends if you like pain. More of a 'goodbye' than a good buy...

4) Holy Magic Century and Ogre Battle 3 are probably as close as you'll get.

DEAR TOTAL 64



Dear Firing Line.

would firstly like to say how much agree with David Loebsacks letter, Issue 18. I admit (SHOCK HORRORI) that I do read another magazine, but yours is the best. Your review of Mission: Impossible

> has persuaded me to buy it, whereas the other mag is . just full of useless sceenshots - it doesn't really tell you much information. Lastly, a few questions.

1.) Should I get Banjo-Kazooie? I've bought Mario and I didn't really like it that much, so would I be making a mistake?

2. What do you know about the game Jest?

3. Are those Pocket Monsters games sad, or what?

Yours N64-ly Andre Glenn

THE TRUTH

1. If you don't like puzzle platformers then the chances are that you won't like Banjo...

2. Not nearly enough...

3. Not really, apart from at the weekends when they tend to get a little lonely...





DEAR TOTAL 64



would first like to congratulate you on what is the finest N64 mag. Unique presentation, detailed reviews and honest opinions. Brilliant. Anyway, I'm going nuts trying to decide what I should spend my pocket money on, so I have a few questions.

1. I already have Goldeneye and have played it so much I even think that I am James Bond - so I need a new game which is similar but new. Should I get Turok 2 or wait for Perfect Dark?

2. Should I buy Banjo-Kazooie or wait for the all mighty launch of Zelda, knowing that they will be similar games?

3. And finally, is it really worth buying a racing game like GT Club 64 if you don't own a steering wheel?

Thanks.

C MacDonald



- 1. Get Turok II then save like buggery for Perfect Dark, you know it makes sense.
- 2. See above (but with slight leanings toward Zelda, wait for our review).
- 3. Most racing games are worth buying even if you don't own a steering wheel.

DEAR TOTAL 64



Dear TOTAL 64

have a guestion about Banjo-Kazooie. Recently I completed the game with100 jigsaw pieces and 900 notes. In the ending sequence Mumbo comes down a tree with some secret photos. Once I saw what was on them I quickly went to the levels to try the cheats. I was extremely

disappointed to find out that they didn't work! My question is why?

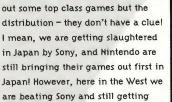
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THE TRUTH

These are secret areas only accessible when you purchase the seguel to Rare's little beastie.

DEAR TOTAL 64





the good games last. Lastly, I have a

few questions: 1. Is 1080 the best snowboarding game on the N64?

2. Is Turok II going to have the same annoying fog as Turok I?

3. Which do you think is better, Mortal Kombat 4 or Bio F.R.E.A.K.S.?

4. Is Zelda 64 better than Banjo-Kazooie?

From

Sebastian Bell

THE TRUTH

- 1. Yes.
- 3. MK4.

4. It will be the best game in the world... probably.

DEAR TOTAL 64



Dear TOTAL 64,

rstly, just to say that your mag

the lot. Secondly, what is wrong

with Nintendo? They are bringing

is brill and I think it's the best of

Dear Firing Line,

irst of all, congrats on your mag. I have a few questions:

- 1. When is the expected release date for the N64 DD?
- 2. What is the expected retail cost? 3. What will be the major software
- titles expected for release? 4. Do you think that the N64 DD will be even more powerful than what the Sega Dreamcast machine will be?
- 5. Will it sell separately from the original N64 machine?

Paul Murphy

THE TRUTH

- 1. No... No... No...
- 2. Jibber... Jibber... Jibber...
- 3. Aaaargh!
- 4. Dribble
- 5. Wibble!

DEAR TOTAL 64



Dear TOTAL 64

think your mag is great and very helpful. I've been reading your mag for about a year and a half now and I was wondering if you could answer some questions for me - they are:

1. Are them any cheats for Banio-Kazooie and if so, what are they? 2. When (if?) will the N64 DD be

coming out in England?

3. I've heard rumours that there will be an N64 2000 coming out is this true?

4. Will there be any action/ adventure games after Mission: Impossible? And if so, what? Thanks - from the biggest N64 fan in the world.

Anthony Driver

THE TRUTH

1. Check out Cheaty Monkey (Issue 18)

2. Good questions, we ask the same ones all the time.

3. Doubtful - the N64 software line-up is looking stronger than ever. They would be mad to think of unveiling a new machine at the moment.

4. Loads, but Win-Back is the most obvious, then there is Hybrid Heaven.



DEAR TOTAL 64 (2) (3)



Dear Total 64

I have recently purchased an N64 and the first magazine that I purchased was Total 64 because of its really good cover, its free gifts and it mentions all the news about the N64 and its games.

I have noticed that PlayStation have done a game booster which you can plug into your Playstation and you can play Nintendo Game Boy games. Why is it allowed to be brought out and why don't Nintendo sue them?

Thank you for answering my questions and keep bringing out your great magazine.

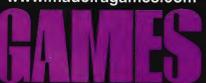
Anthony Price

THE TRUTH

Probably because Nintendo rather enjoy the idea of Playstation owners playing Game Boy games on their pesky little 32-bit machine.



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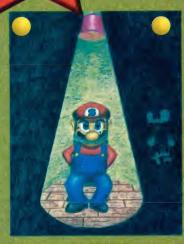




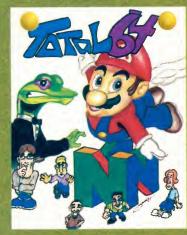
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If you want your artwork to appear on this page, there are a few points to note.

Remember to include your name, address and age (make sure it's written on the back of your work, or else we'll lose it!) and if at all possible, try to use a large envelope so that you don't have to fold it too much.





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0'26.21 US Lap

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KOOPA TROOPA BEACH

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0'29 21

1'24.91

0'26.70

2'09 48

0'40.28

1'39 14

0'32.65

KALIMARI DESERT

UK Race

US Race

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ZELDA: THE OCARINA OF TIME



We link up with the star of what is arguably the biggest Nintendo title of the year. We've heard, you've heard too and everybody else has heard. but what is it REALLY like? Find out next month.

TOP GEAR

With racing titles coming in thick and fast, it might be all too easy to be overwhelmed by the sheer wealth of them. However, this little beauty will run in hi-res with the expansion pak - could this be the racer that gives Gran Turismo a kicking?

SUPERMAN

He may wear tights but you wouldn't want to fight him. He may be faster than a speeding bullet but will he make our deadline on time?

KNIFE EDGE

Fancy a bit of blasting action? Then Knife Edge should be right up your street. However, we'll reserve judgement for this shooter on rails until-we've kicked a few Martian butts.



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Believe it or not, one of the most controversial PC titles ever is set to grace the N64. We'll be tootling along to Manchester to have an exclusive sneak peek at one the potentially top titles of 1999.

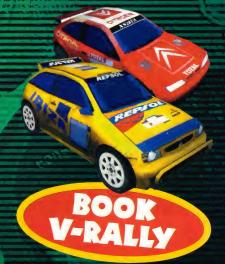
Features

With the forthcoming release of 'Big Duke's' second Nintendo appearance, we'll lift the lid from the secret bin and show you everything you want. You can also expect an interview... with the big man himself!

This being the last issue of 1998, we'll be looking back at the grates and the greats of the past year. We'll also be giving you the lowdown on the games that will make the New Year the best ever for the N64.



Having already proclaimed Body Harvest as one of the all-time great games on the N64, we shall be getting our chums at DMA to render us a very special (and needless to say) exclusive poster - be afraid. Be very afraid.



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By the time you read this mag, Christmas will be hoving into view. Santa will be mounting his reindeer, readying himself for the one night of the year when he actually does some work. We at Total 64 will no doubt be playing Zelda, Turok 2, Wipeout 64 and Body Harvest whilst scoffing the odd mince pie. Well, everyone except for Badass who'll be playing 155 '58 (for the umpteenth time in readiness for that football feature we are trying to put him off writing). For all N64 owners in the land it should be a stonking Christmas with more fantastic games than at any time in its history. Enjoy yourselves this Christmas, but after you've opened up all those presents and pigged out on turkey, don't forget to check out the next issue of TOTAL 54 when we'll be reviewing all that was N64 in 1998 and also looking to 1999. If you thought that this year was great, then next year will blow you away!

SEE YOU IN THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE OF TOTAL 64 -AND REMEMBER, ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES!

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